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March 22, 2006

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Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0002605, ANG Newspapers, 4770 Willow Road, Pleasanton, CA
- Work Plan Approval

Dear Mr. McDermott and Mr. Rice:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the subject site and the document entitled, "Work Plan for Subsurface Investigation," dated March 20, 2006, prepared on your behalf by Cameron-Cole. The Work Plan proposes soil and groundwater sampling from one boring to be located between the former underground storage tank and fuel dispenser. ACEH concurs with the proposed scope of work provided that the technical comments below are addressed during the field investigation. We request that you address the following technical comments, perform the proposed work, and send us the reports described below.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. **Laboratory Analyses.** In addition to the proposed analyses, ACEH requests that the soil and groundwater samples also be analyzed for TBA, TAME, ETBE, DIPE, ethanol, 1,2-dichloroethane, and ethylene dibromide by EPA Method 8260B.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Mr. Jerry Wickham), according to the following schedule:

- **July 31, 2006** – Subsurface Investigation Report

These reports are being requested pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10. 23 CCR Sections 2652 through 2654, and 2721 through 2728 outline the responsibilities of a responsible party in response to an unauthorized release from a petroleum UST system, and require your compliance with this request.

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ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS

Effective January 31, 2006, the Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC) require submission of all reports in electronic form to the county's ftp site. Paper copies of reports will no longer be accepted. The electronic copy replaces the paper copy and will be used for all public information requests, regulatory review, and compliance/enforcement activities. Instructions for submission of electronic documents to the Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Program ftp site are provided on the attached "Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions." Please do not submit reports as attachments to electronic mail.

Submission of reports to the Alameda County ftp site is an addition to existing requirements for electronic submittal of information to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Geotracker website. Submission of reports to the Geotracker website does not fulfill the requirement to submit documents to the Alameda County ftp site. In September 2004, the SWRCB adopted regulations that require electronic submittal of information for groundwater cleanup programs. For several years, responsible parties for cleanup of leaks from underground storage tanks (USTs) have been required to submit groundwater analytical data, surveyed locations of monitor wells, and other data to the Geotracker database over the Internet. Beginning July 1, 2005, electronic submittal of a complete copy of all necessary reports was required in Geotracker (in PDF format). Please visit the SWRCB website for more information on these requirements (http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic_reporting).

In order to facilitate electronic correspondence, we request that you provide up to date electronic mail addresses for all responsible and interested parties. Please provide current electronic mail addresses and notify us of future changes to electronic mail addresses by sending an electronic mail message to me at jerry.wickham@acgov.org.

PERJURY STATEMENT

All work plans, technical reports, or technical documents submitted to ACEH must be accompanied by a cover letter from the responsible party that states, at a minimum, the following: "I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information and/or recommendations contained in the attached document or report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge." This letter must be signed by an officer or legally authorized representative of your company. Please include a cover letter satisfying these requirements with all future reports and technical documents submitted for this fuel leak case.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The California Business and Professions Code (Sections 6735, 6835, and 7835.1) requires that work plans and technical or implementation reports containing geologic or engineering evaluations and/or judgments be performed under the direction of an appropriately registered or certified professional. For your submittal to be considered a valid technical report, you are to present site specific data, data interpretations, and recommendations prepared by an appropriately licensed professional and include the professional registration stamp, signature, and statement of professional certification. Please ensure all that all technical reports submitted for this fuel leak case meet this requirement.

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UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND

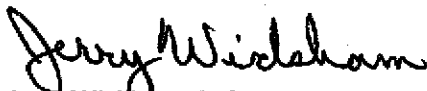
Please note that delays in investigation, later reports, or enforcement actions may result in your becoming ineligible to receive grant money from the state's Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Senate Bill 2004) to reimburse you for the cost of cleanup.

AGENCY OVERSIGHT

If it appears as though significant delays are occurring or reports are not submitted as requested, we will consider referring your case to the Regional Board or other appropriate agency, including the County District Attorney, for possible enforcement actions. California Health and Safety Code, Section 25299.76 authorizes enforcement including administrative action or monetary penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for each day of violation.

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6791.

Sincerely,



Jerry Wickham, P.G.
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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December 2, 2005

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Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0002605, ANG Newspapers, 4770 Willow Road, Pleasanton, CA
– Request for Work Plan

Dear Mr. McDermott and Mr. Rice:

I am the caseworker recently assigned to your case. Please send future correspondence or inquiries regarding this case to my attention. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file for the above referenced site and the report entitled, "Compliance Sampling during Gasoline UST Removal," dated July 25, 2003, prepared on your behalf by Gettler-Ryan, Inc. The report summarizes the results from the removal of one 3,000-gallon gasoline underground storage tank (UST). Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) was detected at a concentration of 0.0059 milligrams per kilogram in one soil sample. Benzene was detected in a water sample collected from the tank pit excavation at a concentration of 0.73 micrograms per liter.

The site is within the Livermore-Amador Valley, which is an area where groundwater is actively used as a drinking water supply. Groundwater within the Livermore-Amador Groundwater Basin constitutes a valuable current and future resource. Due to the location of your site within a groundwater basin where groundwater is used for drinking water, we request that you advance one soil boring within the immediate vicinity of the former UST and product lines to confirm that impacts from fuel releases to soil and groundwater at the site are minimal.

Please submit a work plan detailing your proposal to confirm that the extent of soil and groundwater contamination is minimal by **February 17, 2006**. This report is being requested pursuant to the Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board) authority under Section 13267 of the California Water Code.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Mr. Jerry Wickham), according to the following schedule:

- **February 17, 2006 – Work Plan for Site Investigation**

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LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25297.15, the active or primary responsible party for a fuel leak case must inform all current property owners of the site of cleanup actions or requests for closure. Furthermore, ACEH may not consider any cleanup proposals or requests for case closure without assurance that this notification requirement has been met. Additionally, the active or primary responsible party is required to forward to ACEH a complete mailing list of all record fee title holders to the site. If you have not already submitted a list of record fee title owners in response to the Notice of Responsibility we require that you submit a complete mailing list of all record fee title owners of the site by **January 10, 2006**, which states, at a minimum, the following:

A. *In accordance with section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, (name of primary responsible party), certify that the following is a complete list of current record fee title owners and their mailing addresses for the above site:*

- OR -

B. *In accordance with section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, (name of primary responsible party), certify that I am the sole landowner for the above site.*

(Note: Complete item A if there are multiple site landowners. If you are the sole site landowner, skip item A and complete item B.)

In the future, for you to meet these requirements when submitting cleanup proposals or requests for case closure, ACEH requires that you:

1. Notify all current record owners of fee title to the site of any cleanup proposals or requests for case closure;
2. Submit a letter to ACEH which certifies that the notification requirement in 25297.15(a) of the Health and Safety Code has been met;
3. Forward to ACEH a copy of your complete mailing list of all record fee title holders to the site; and
4. Update your mailing list of all record fee title holders, and repeat the process outlined above prior to submittal of any additional *Corrective Action Plan* or your *Request for Case Closure*.

Your written certification to ACEH (Item 2 above) must state, at a minimum, the following:

A. *In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of the Health & Safety Code, I, (name of primary responsible party), certify that I have notified all responsible landowners of the enclosed proposed action. (Check space for applicable proposed action(s)):*

cleanup proposal (Corrective Action Plan)

request for case closure

local agency intention to make a determination that no further action is required

local agency intention to issue a closure letter

- OR -

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B. In accordance with section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, (name of primary responsible party), certify that I am the sole landowner for the above site.

(Note: Complete item A if there are multiple site landowners. If you are the sole site landowner, skip item A and complete item B.)

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND

Please be aware that you may be eligible for reimbursement of the costs of investigation from the California Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Fund). In some cases, a deductible amount may apply. If you believe you meet the eligibility requirements, I strongly encourage you to call the Fund for an application.

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