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Lafayette, CA 94549-3694

Subject: Conditional Work Plan Approval for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0002971 and Geotracker Global ID T0619714590, Shell, 2301-2307 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda, CA 94502

Dear Mr. Brown, C&H Development Company, and Allan A. and Beverly M. Sebanc:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above referenced site including the recently submitted documents entitled, "*Remedial Action Work Plan*," dated November 17, 2010 (RAWP) and "*Groundwater Monitoring Report – Third Quarter 2010*," dated November 24, 2010. Both reports were prepared by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates on behalf of Shell Oil Products. The RAWP proposes excavation of shallow soil in two areas of the site and completion of a detailed well survey. The Groundwater Monitoring Report presents the results of groundwater sampling conducted on September 2, 2010.

The proposed scope of work in the RAWP is conditionally approved and may be implemented provided that the technical comments below are incorporated during the proposed excavation and confirmation soil sampling. Submittal of a revised Work Plan or Work Plan Addendum is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the Work Plan and technical comments below is proposed. We request that you address the following technical comments, perform the proposed work, and send us the reports described below.

### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Confirmation Soil Sampling in Petroleum Hydrocarbon Excavation.** The RAWP indicates that the excavation of hydrocarbon-impacted soils will cover an area approximately 13 feet by 13 feet in size and extend 8 to 10 feet deep with one soil sample collected for analysis from each sidewall at a depth above the soil-water interface. Collection and analysis of a minimum of two soil samples is proposed from the bottom of the excavation if no standing groundwater is present. This proposal for confirmation soil sampling is generally acceptable with the following clarification. Sidewall confirmation soil samples are to be collected from any zone in the exposed sidewall above the soil-groundwater interface where visual inspection or field screening indicates contamination remains in place. This may involve of more than one confirmation soil sample from each sidewall depending upon the extent of the exposed contamination. If no contamination is observed by visual inspection or field screening, the collection of one confirmation soil sample from each sidewall is acceptable. Additional confirmation soil samples to those proposed in the RAWP may be required if requested during field inspection by ACEH. Please provide 5-days advance notification to ACEH (e-mail

preferred to [jerry.wickham@acgov.org](mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org)) prior to the start of excavation activities in order to schedule site inspection.

2. **Confirmation Soil Sampling in Lead Area Excavation.** The proposed confirmation soil sampling for the lead area is generally acceptable with the following clarification. Sidewall confirmation soil samples are to be collected from any zone in the exposed sidewall above the soil-groundwater interface where visual inspection or field screening indicates contamination remains in place. Confirmation soil samples collected from any zone where staining, odor, or elevated PID readings are observed are to be analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes by EPA Method 8260B in addition to lead. Additional confirmation soil samples to those proposed in the RAWP may be required if requested during field inspection by ACEH.
3. **Groundwater Monitoring.** No further groundwater sampling is requested at this time pending the results of the detailed well survey.

#### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

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

- **May 5, 2011** – Remedial Action Report

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at [jerry.wickham@acgov.org](mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org).

Sincerely,

Jerry Wickham, California PG 3766, CEG 1177, and CHG 297  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Attachment: Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations  
Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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Emeryville, CA 94608 (*Sent via E-mail to: [pschaefer@croworld.com](mailto:pschaefer@croworld.com)*)

Jake Torrens, AMEC Geomatrix, 2101 Webster Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-3066 (*Sent via E-mail to: [jake.torrens@amec.com](mailto:jake.torrens@amec.com)*)

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Geotracker, File

Attachment 1  
**Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations**

**REPORT REQUESTS**

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.

**ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS**

ACEH's Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC) require submission of reports in electronic form. The electronic copy replaces paper copies and is expected to 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 Instructions." 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. In September 2004, the SWRCB adopted regulations that require electronic submittal of information for all 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 monitoring wells, and [other](#) data to the GeoTracker database over the Internet. Beginning July 1, 2005, these same reporting requirements were added to Spills, Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanup (SLIC) sites. Beginning July 1, 2005, electronic submittal of a complete copy of all reports for all sites is required in GeoTracker (in PDF format). Please visit the SWRCB website for more information on these requirements ([http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\\_submittal/report\\_rqmts.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal/report_rqmts.shtml)).

**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.

**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.

<b>Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)</b>	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> July 20, 2010
	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> July 5, 2005
	<b>PREVIOUS REVISIONS:</b> October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010
<b>SECTION:</b> Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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.

## REQUIREMENTS

- **Please do not submit reports as attachments to electronic mail.**
- Entire report including cover letter must be submitted to the ftp site as a **single portable document format (PDF) with no password protection.**
- It is **preferable** that reports be converted to PDF format from their original format, (e.g., Microsoft Word) rather than scanned.
- **Signature pages and perjury statements must be included and have either original or electronic signature.**
- **Do not password protect the document.** Once indexed and inserted into the correct electronic case file, the document will be secured in compliance with the County's current security standards and a password. **Documents with password protection will not be accepted.**
- Each page in the PDF document should be rotated in the direction that will make it easiest to read on a computer monitor.
- Reports must be named and saved using the following naming convention:

RO#\_Report Name\_Year-Month-Date (e.g., RO#5555\_WorkPlan\_2005-06-14)

## Submission Instructions

- 1) Obtain User Name and Password
  - a) Contact the Alameda County Environmental Health Department to obtain a User Name and Password to upload files to the ftp site.
    - i. Send an e-mail to [dehloptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:dehloptoxic@acgov.org)
  - b) In the subject line of your request, be sure to include **"ftp PASSWORD REQUEST"** and in the body of your request, include the **Contact Information, Site Addresses**, and the **Case Numbers (RO# available in Geotracker) you will be posting for.**
- 2) Upload Files to the ftp Site
  - a) Using Internet Explorer (IE4+), go to <ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org>
    - i. Note: Netscape, Safari, and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site as they are NOT being supported at this time.
  - b) Click on Page located on the Command bar on upper right side of window, and then scroll down to Open FTP Site in Windows Explorer.
  - c) Enter your User Name and Password. (Note: Both are Case Sensitive.)
  - d) Open "My Computer" on your computer and navigate to the file(s) you wish to upload to the ftp site.
  - e) With both "My Computer" and the ftp site open in separate windows, drag and drop the file(s) from "My Computer" to the ftp window.
- 3) Send E-mail Notifications to the Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs
  - a) Send email to [dehloptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:dehloptoxic@acgov.org) notify us that you have placed a report on our ftp site.
  - b) Copy your Caseworker on the e-mail. Your Caseworker's e-mail address is the entire first name then a period and entire last name @acgov.org. (e.g., firstname.lastname@acgov.org)
  - c) The subject line of the e-mail must start with the RO# followed by **Report Upload.** (e.g., Subject: RO1234 Report Upload) If site is a new case without an RO#, use the street address instead.
  - d) If your document meets the above requirements and you follow the submission instructions, you will receive a notification by email indicating that your document was successfully uploaded to the ftp site.