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Mr. Frederick Kroger (*Sent via e-mail to: [ftkcoinc@gmail.com](mailto:ftkcoinc@gmail.com)*)  
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Orinda, CA 94563-01117

Subject: Conditional Approval of Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan for Fuel Leak  
Case No. RO0003071 and GeoTracker Global ID T1000002520, Kroger Residential  
Property, 725 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Mr. Kroger:

Thank you for submitting the Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan, dated June 21, 2012, prepared by Golden Gate Environmental, Inc. (GGE). Based on Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff review of the referenced documents and of the case file we generally concur with the proposed scope of work, provided that the modifications requested in the technical comments below are addressed and incorporated during the field implementation. Submittal of a revised Work Plan 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 technical report requested below. Please provide 72-hour advance written notification to this office (e-mail preferred to: [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org)) prior to the start of field activities.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Soil Sample Collection** – ACEH generally concurs with the proposed soil and groundwater sample collection method outlined in the Work Plan; however, the Work Plan mentions that the soil samples will be collected at depths of 5, 10, and 15 feet below grade and/or other depths with evidence of petroleum hydrocarbon impacts. Since the goal of this investigation is to determine the vertical extent of total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) contamination in soil and groundwater beneath the site, ACEH requests that prioritization of soil sample collection should be based on the stained interval(s) and areas with high photoionization detector (PID) readings in the capillary fringe, saturated zone, and the bottom of the soil boring bottom of each soil boring. ACEH requests soil sample collection below or at first encountered groundwater based on indications of contamination (PID detections, odor, staining, or etc.). If visual indications are not encountered, please collect soil samples at or just above the soil-water interface and the bottom of the boring. Please ensure that the analytical results define the vertical and horizontal extent of TPH impacts at the site.
- 2. Collection of Grab Groundwater Samples** – ACEH generally concurs with the proposed grab groundwater sample collection method outlined in the Work Plan; however, the Work Plan did not provide a contingency plan for sample collection if groundwater recharge into the borehole is found to be slow. Please allow for a reasonable but extended amount of time to collect grab groundwater samples.

3. **Drilling and Sampling Supervision** – ACEH wishes to clarify that the consultant's licensed professional (California Professional Geologist or Civil Engineer) supervises the drilling contractor and the consultant's personnel. ACEH cannot provide direct supervision of the drilling.
4. **Soil and Grab Groundwater Sample Analyses** – ACEH generally concurs with the analytical methods but requests that soil and groundwater samples additionally be analyzed for the fuel oxygenates [ethylene dibromide (EDB), ethylene dichloride (EDC), Tert-amyl-methyl ether (TAME), Ethyl tert-butyl ether (ETBE), Di-isopropyl ether (DIPE), and t-Butyl alcohol (TBA)] by Method 8260. This is in conformance with Table 2, *Standard Recommended Minimum Verification Analyses for USTs*, for diesel fuel.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please upload technical reports to ACEH's ftp site and to the State Water Resources Control Board's Geotracker website, in accordance with the specified file naming convention below.

- **October 1, 2012** – Soil and Groundwater Investigation Report  
File to be named: RO0003071\_SWI\_R\_YYYY-MM-DD

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6708 or send me an e-mail message at [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org).

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence or your case, please send me an e-mail message at [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org) or call me at (510) 567-6708. Online case files are available for review at the following website: <http://www.acgov.org/aceh/index.htm>.

Sincerely,

Karel Detterman, PG  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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

cc: Elsie Hamilton, (Sent via E-mail to: [woodleafrentals@gmail.com](mailto:woodleafrentals@gmail.com))

Donna Drogos, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: [donna.drogos@acgov.org](mailto:donna.drogos@acgov.org))  
Karel Detterman, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org))  
GeoTracker, Electronic Case File

## **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 [deh.loptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:deh.loptoxic@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 [deh.loptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:deh.loptoxic@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.