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Subject: Request for Data Gap Work Plan; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0003143 and GeoTracker Global ID T10000006106, Paramount UST, 811 Paramount Road, Oakland, CA 94610

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) has reviewed the case file, including the January 14, 2014 *Underground Storage Tank Closure Report* generated by Golden Gate Tank Removal, Inc (Golden Gate). The report documents the December 2013 removal of one 500-gallon underground storage tank (UST) at the subject site. The UST was found to be in poor condition with at least one visible hole. Soil discoloration and hydrocarbon odors were observed in the stockpiled overburden soil and soil underlying the UST. Two soil samples were collected at 7 feet below ground surface (bgs) from the East and West ends of the UST on December 16, 2013. Concentrations at seven feet below ground surface (bgs) on the East end were detected at 9,290 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons as Diesel (TPH-d), 1.1 mg/kg ethylbenzene, and 47.3 mg/kg naphthalene. West end concentrations at seven feet bgs were detected at 1,390 mg/kg TPH-d, BTEX concentrations were near to below laboratory Reporting Limits (RLs), and naphthalene concentration was 7.72 mg/kg. Over-excavation to 12 feet bgs was performed on December 24, 2013. East end concentrations decreased two to three orders of magnitude to 28.0 mg/kg of TPH-d, while BTEX and naphthalene concentrations were near to below RLs. West end concentrations increased with depth to 3,960 mg/kg TPH-d, BTEX concentrations were near to below RLs, and naphthalene concentrations increased to 25.2 mg/kg. One water sample was collected from tank rinsate water; these tank rinsate concentrations are not indicative of actual groundwater conditions and cannot be used to characterize the site. Based on the elevated levels of TPH-d and naphthalene in the shallow and deep soil samples, there is evidence of a potential petroleum release to the subsurface.

ACEH has also evaluated the data and recommendations presented in the above-mentioned reports, in conjunction with the case files, to determine if the site is eligible for closure as a low risk site under the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCBs) Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (LTCP). Based on ACEH staff review, we have determined that the site fails to meet the LTCP General Criteria d (Free Product), e (Site Conceptual Model), f (Secondary Source Removal) and the Media-Specific Criteria for Groundwater, the Media-Specific Criteria for Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air, and the Media-Specific Criteria for Direct Contact (see Geotracker for a copy).

Additional data may be available that ACEH is not aware of, or may not have been submitted, and therefore has not been incorporated in to ACEH's review. If additional data is made available, the data can be incorporated in future LTCP reviews. The evaluation of the site under the LTCP that is presented below is intended to initiate further discussions, submittal of other available documents, or the collection of additional data in order to determine if or when the site can be closed under the LTCP and to document current LTCP data gaps.

Therefore, at this juncture ACEH requests that you prepare a Data Gap Work Plan that is supported by a focused Site Conceptual Model (SCM) to address the Technical Comments provided below.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. **LTCP General Criteria d (Free Product) –** The LTCP requires free product to be removed to the extent practicable at release sites where investigations indicate the presence of free product by removing in a manner that minimizes the spread of the unauthorized release into previously uncontaminated zones by using recovery and disposal techniques appropriate to the hydrogeologic conditions at the site, and that properly treats, discharges, or disposes of recovery byproducts in compliance with applicable laws. Additionally, the LTCP requires that abatement of free product migration be used as a minimum objective for the design of any free product removal system.

   ACEH's review of the case files indicates that insufficient data and analysis has been presented to assess free product at the site. Specifically, TPH-d soil concentrations (pre-excavation concentration of 9,290 mg/kg at seven feet bgs and post-over-excavation concentration of 3,960 mg/kg at 12 feet bgs) approach and potentially exceed soil saturation values depending on soil type. Additionally, significant soil staining and hydrocarbon odor were observed during tank removal. Exceedance of soil saturation values presents indirect evidence indicative of potential free-phase petroleum hydrocarbons according to the California Leaking Underground Fuel Tank manual and LTCP technical guidance. Free-phase petroleum hydrocarbons will naturally attenuate at a slower rate and persist for longer periods of time in the subsurface contributing to ongoing indoor air vapor intrusion, direct contact exposure/outdoor air exposure, and soil leaching to groundwater.

2. **LTCP General Criteria e (Site Conceptual Model) –** According to the LTCP, the SCM is a fundamental element of a comprehensive site investigation. The SCM establishes the source and attributes of the unauthorized release, describes all affected media (including soil, groundwater, and soil vapor as appropriate), describes local geology, hydrogeology and other physical site characteristics that affect contaminant environmental transport and fate, and identifies all confirmed and potential contaminant receptors (including water supply wells, surface water bodies, structures and their inhabitants). The SCM is relied upon by practitioners as a guide for investigative design and data collection. All relevant site characteristics identified by the SCM shall be assessed and supported by data so that the nature, extent and mobility of the release have been established to determine conformance with applicable criteria in this policy.

   Our review of the case files indicates that insufficient data collection and analysis has been presented to assess groundwater (e.g. potential impacts and plume length not evaluated), hydrogeology (e.g. depth-to-water and groundwater flow direction), potential sensitive receptors, and soil areal extent and depth to support compliance with General Criteria d as discussed in Technical Comment 1 above and Media Specific Criteria for Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air, Groundwater, and Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure as described in Technical Comments 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 below, respectively.

3. **General Criteria f – Secondary Source Has Been Removed to the Extent Practicable –** "Secondary source" is defined as petroleum-impacted soil or groundwater located at or immediately beneath the point of release from the primary source. Unless site attributes prevent secondary source removal (e.g. physical or infrastructural constraints exist whose removal or relocation would be technically or economically infeasible), petroleum-release sites are required to undergo secondary source removal to the extent practicable as described in the policy. "To the extent practicable" means implementing a cost-effective corrective action which removes or destroys-in-place the most readily recoverable fraction of source-area mass. It is expected that most secondary mass removal efforts will be completed in one year or less. Following removal or destruction of the secondary source, additional removal or active remedial actions

shall not be required by regulatory agencies unless (1) necessary to abate a demonstrated threat to human health or (2) the groundwater plume does not meet the definition of low threat as described in this policy.

Increasing concentrations of TPH-d (3,960 mg/kg) and naphthalene (25.2 mg/kg) on the West side (sample W-12) at 12 feet indicate vertical and lateral delineation is not complete. These concentrations indicate residual impacted soil remains in the subsurface.

Please present a strategy in the Data Gap Work Plan (described in Technical Comment 8 below) to address the items discussed above. Alternatively, please provide justification of why the site satisfies this general criterion in the focused SCM described in Technical Comment 8 below.

4. **General Criteria g – Soil and Groundwater Have Been Tested for MTBE -** Health and Safety Code section 25296.15 prohibits closing a UST case unless the soil, groundwater, or both, as applicable have been tested for MTBE and the results of that testing are known to the Regional Water Board. The exception to this requirement is where a regulatory agency determines that the UST that leaked has only contained diesel or jet fuel. Before closing a UST case pursuant to this policy, the requirements of section 25296.15, if applicable, shall be satisfied.

   ACEH's review of the case files indicates that site soil or groundwater have not been analyzed for MTBE. Please present a strategy in the Data Gap Work Plan (described in Technical Comment 8 below) to address the items discussed above. Alternatively, please provide justification of why the site satisfies this general criterion in the focused SCM described in Technical Comment 8 below.

5. **LTCP Media Specific Criteria for Groundwater –** To satisfy the media-specific criteria for groundwater, the contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives must be stable or decreasing in areal extent, and meet all of the additional characteristics of one of the five classes of sites listed in the policy.

   Our review of the case files indicates that insufficient data collection has been presented to support the requisite characteristics of plume length, potential for free product, or plume classification as follows:

   a) No groundwater samples were collected. While no groundwater was observed in the tank excavation, a rinsate sample was obtained. Rinsate sample was tested only for TPH-d and TPH-mo likely for disposal classification purposes; rinsate samples are generally not indicative of groundwater conditions. As groundwater was not tested, direct evidence of plume length is unknown and theoretical plume length cannot be calculated with the existing soil concentrations.

   b) Soil concentrations are indirectly indicative of free product and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Environmental Screening Levels (Interim Final 2013) for potential soil leaching to groundwater are exceeded for TPH-d and naphthalene.

   c) The SCM does not include a survey or identify water supply wells or surface water bodies within a 2,000 foot radius.

   d) The SCM does not adequately define down-gradient sensitive receptors (e.g. adjacent residences) that may be at risk depending on lateral extent of soil impact, groundwater depth and flow direction, and presence of basements.

   Please present a strategy in the Data Gap Work Plan (described in Technical Comment 8 below) to address the items discussed above. Alternatively, please provide justification of why the site satisfies the Media-Specific Criteria for Groundwater in the focused SCM described in Technical Comment 8 below.

6. **LTCP Media Specific Criteria for Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air –** The LTCP describes conditions, including bioattenuation zones, which if met will assure that exposure to petroleum vapors in indoor air will not pose unacceptable health risks to human occupants of existing or future site buildings, and adjacent

parcels. Appendices 1 through 4 of the LTCP criteria illustrate four potential exposure scenarios and describe characteristics and criteria associated with each scenario.

Our review of the case files indicates that the site data collection and analysis fail to support the requisite characteristics of one of the four scenarios. Specifically, it appears that petroleum contamination migrated in shallow and deep soil beneath the site, as evidenced by residual soil concentrations. Listed below are additional data gaps and exposure risks to be addressed:

a) Depth-to-groundwater is an integral part of establishing the bio-attenuation zone. Currently, depth-to-groundwater is estimated from adjacent sites to average between 5 to 10 feet bgs. Site-specific data is unknown.

b) Due to elevated soil concentrations of naphthalene, this constituent may be a potential risk for vapor intrusion to indoor air.

Therefore, please present a strategy in the Data Gap Investigation Work Plan described in Technical Comment 8 below to collect additional data to satisfy the bio-attenuation zone characteristics of Scenarios 1, 2 or 3, or to collect soil gas data to satisfy Scenario 4.

Alternatively, please provide justification of why the site satisfies the Media-Specific Criteria for Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air in a SCM that assures that exposure to petroleum vapors in indoor air will not pose unacceptable health risks to occupants of adjacent buildings.

Please note, that if direct measurement of soil gas is proposed, ensure that your strategy is consistent with the field sampling protocols described in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's Final Vapor Intrusion Guidance (October 2011). Consistent with the guidance, ACEH requires installation of permanent vapor wells to assess temporal and seasonal variations in soil gas concentrations.

7. LTCP Media Specific Criteria for Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Criteria – The LTCP describes conditions where direct contact with contaminated soil or inhalation of contaminants volatized to outdoor air poses a low threat to human health. According to the policy, release sites where human exposure may occur satisfy the media-specific criteria for direct contact and outdoor air exposure and shall be considered low-threat if the maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil are less than or equal to those listed in Table 1 for the specified depth bgs. Alternatively, the policy allows for a site specific risk assessment that demonstrates that maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health, or controlling exposure through the use of mitigation measures, or institutional or engineering controls.

Our review of the case files indicates that the site is residential use, the most conservative. Soil naphthalene concentrations (13.3 mg/kg) exceed Table 1 criteria for residential exposure in the 0 to 5 foot interval and 5 to 10 foot interval for direct contact and volatilization to outdoor air. While the west side soil sample naphthalene concentration (7.72 mg/kg at W-7) from 7 feet bgs is below the Table 1 concentration, naphthalene concentrations increase with depth to 12 feet bgs (sample W-12 at 25.2 mg/kg).

Therefore, please present a strategy in the Data Gap Work Plan described in Technical Comment 8 below to collect sufficient data to satisfy the direct contact and outdoor air exposure criteria that delineate the areas of impact in relation to sensitive receptors. Sample and analyze soil at the five and ten foot intervals, at the groundwater interface, lithologic changes, and at areas of obvious impact. Also, collect a groundwater sample from each boring and propose the requisite analysis including naphthalene.

Alternatively, please provide justification of why the site satisfies the Media-Specific Criteria for Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure in the focused SCM described in Technical Comment 8 below that assures that exposure to petroleum constituents in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health.

8. **Request for a Work Plan, Data Gap Investigation, and Focused Site Conceptual Model –** In order to determine the magnitude of residual contamination in soil and groundwater beneath the excavation, ACEH requests the submittal of a data gap work plan, and focused SCM by a consultant qualified to undertake the work by the date identified below. Please prepare the Work Plan to address the technical comments listed above. Please support the scope of work in the Work Plan with a focused SCM and Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) that relate the data collection to each LTCP criteria. For example please clarify which scenario within each Media-Specific Criteria a sampling strategy is intended to apply to. Include in the Work Plan the appropriate soil and groundwater sampling and analysis based on US EPA SW-846 methods.

   In order to expedite review, ACEH requests the focused SCM be presented in a tabular format that highlights the major SCM elements and associated data gaps, which need to be addressed to progress the site to case closure under the LTCP. Please see **Attachment A "Site Conceptual Model Requisite Elements**". Please sequence activities in the proposed data gap work plan investigation scope of work to enable efficient data collection in the fewest mobilizations possible.

9. **GeoTracker Compliance –** A review of the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) GeoTracker website indicates the site has not yet been claimed. Because this is a state requirement, ACEH requests that the site be claimed in GeoTracker by the date identified below.

   Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 12, Sections 2729 and 2729.1, beginning September 1, 2001, all analytical data, including monitoring well samples, submitted in a report to a regulatory agency as part of the UST or LUST program, must be transmitted electronically to the SWRCB GeoTracker system via the internet. Also, beginning January 1, 2002, all permanent monitoring points utilized to collect groundwater samples (i.e. monitoring wells) and submitted in a report to a regulatory agency, must be surveyed (top of casing) to mean sea level and latitude and longitude to sub-meter accuracy using NAD 83. A California licensed surveyor may be required to perform this work. Additionally, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 30, Articles 1 and 2, Sections 3893, 3894, and 3895, beginning July 1, 2005, the successful submittal of electronic information (i.e. report in PDF format) shall replace the requirement for the submittal of a paper copy. Please claim your site and upload all future submittals to GeoTracker and ACEH's ftp server by the date specified below. Electronic reporting is described below on the attachments.

   Additional information regarding the SWRCB's GeoTracker website may be obtained online at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal/ and http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal/report_rqmts.shtml) or by contacting the GeoTracker Help Desk at geotracker@waterboards.ca.gov or (866) 480-1028.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND

Please be aware that site investigation/site cleanup costs may be reimbursable from the California Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. The application and additional information is available at the State Water Resources Control Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf. Please be aware that reimbursement monies are contingent upon maintaining compliance with directives from ACEH.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please upload technical reports to the ACEH ftp site (Attention: Matthew Soby), and to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website, in accordance with the following schedule and file naming convention:

- **March 16, 2015 –** GeoTracker Compliance, Data Gap Work Plan, and Focused Site Conceptual Model (file name: RO0003143_WP_R_yyyy-mm-dd)
- **60 Days After Work Plan Approval –** Soil and Groundwater Investigation Report (file name: RO0003143_SWI_R_yyyy-mm-dd)

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.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6725 or send me an electronic mail message at matthew.soby@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Attachment 1 – Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements / Obligations
Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions
Attachment A "Site Conceptual Model Requisite Elements"

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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.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal/).

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.

Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)	**REVISION DATE:** May 15, 2014
	ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005
	PREVIOUS REVISIONS: October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010, July 25, 2010
SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	**SUBJECT:** 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
   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 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.

ATTACHMENT A

Site Conceptual Model Requisite Elements

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Site Conceptual Model

The site conceptual model (SCM) is an essential decision-making and communication tool for all interested parties during the site characterization, remediation planning and implementation, and closure process. A SCM is a set of working hypotheses pertaining to all aspects of the contaminant release, including site geology, hydrogeology, release history, residual and dissolved contamination, attenuation mechanisms, pathways to nearby receptors, and likely magnitude of potential impacts to receptors.

The SCM is initially used to characterize the site and identify data gaps. As the investigation proceeds and the data gaps are filled, the working hypotheses are modified, and the overall SCM is refined and strengthened until it is said to be "validated". At this point, the focus of the SCM shifts from site characterization towards remedial technology evaluation and selection, and later remedy optimization, and forms the foundation for developing the most cost-effective corrective action plan to protect existing and potential receptors.

For ease of review, Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) requests utilization of tabular formats to (1) highlight the major SCM elements and their associated data gaps which need to be addressed to progress the site to case closure (see Table 1 of attached example), and (2) highlight the identified data gaps and proposed investigation activities (see Table 2 of the attached example). ACEH requests that the tables presenting the SCM elements, data gaps, and proposed investigation activities be updated as appropriate at each stage of the project and submitted with work plans, feasibility studies, corrective action plans, and requests for closures to support proposed work, conclusions, and/or recommendations.

The SCM should incorporate, but is not limited to, the topics listed below. Please support the SCM with the use of large-scaled maps and graphics, tables, and conceptual diagrams to illustrate key points. Please include an extended site map(s) utilizing an aerial photographic base map with sufficient resolution to show the facility, delineation of streets and property boundaries within the adjacent neighborhood, downgradient irrigation wells, and proposed locations of transects, monitoring wells, and soil vapor probes.

a. Regional and local (on-site and off-site) geology and hydrogeology. Include a discussion of the surface geology (e.g., soil types, soil parameters, outcrops, faulting), subsurface geology (e.g., stratigraphy, continuity, and connectivity), and hydrogeology (e.g., water-bearing zones, hydrologic parameters, impermeable strata). Please include a structural contour map (top of unit) and isopach map for the aquitard that is presumed to separate your release from the deeper aquifer(s), cross sections, soil boring and monitoring well logs and locations, and copies of regional geologic maps.

b. Analysis of the hydraulic flow system in the vicinity of the site. Include rose diagrams for depicting groundwater gradients. The rose diagram shall be plotted on groundwater elevation contour maps and updated in all future reports submitted for your site. Please address changes due to seasonal precipitation and groundwater pumping, and evaluate the potential interconnection between shallow and deep aquifers. Please include an analysis of vertical hydraulic gradients, and effects of pumping rates on hydraulic head from nearby water supply wells, if appropriate. Include hydraulic head in the different water bearing zones and hydrographs of all monitoring wells.

c. Release history, including potential source(s) of releases, potential contaminants of concern (COC) associated with each potential release, confirmed source locations, confirmed release locations, and existing delineation of release areas. Address primary leak source(s) (e.g., a tank, sump, pipeline, etc.) and secondary sources (e.g., high-

concentration contaminants in low-permeability lithologic soil units that sustain groundwater or vapor plumes). Include local and regional plan view maps that illustrate the location of sources (former facilities, piping, tanks, etc.).

d. Plume (soil gas and groundwater) development and dynamics including aging of source(s), phase distribution (NAPL, dissolved, vapor, residual), diving plumes, attenuation mechanisms, migration routes, preferential pathways (geologic and anthropogenic), magnitude of chemicals of concern and spatial and temporal changes in concentrations, and contaminant fate and transport. Please include three-dimensional plume maps for groundwater and two-dimensional soil vapor plume plan view maps to provide an accurate depiction of the contaminant distribution of each COC.

e. Summary tables of chemical concentrations in different media (i.e., soil, groundwater, and soil vapor). Please include applicable environmental screening levels on all tables. Include graphs of contaminant concentrations versus time.

f. Current and historic facility structures (e.g., buildings, drain systems, sewer systems, underground utilities, etc.) and physical features including topographical features (e.g., hills, gradients, surface vegetation, or pavement) and surface water features (e.g. routes of drainage ditches, links to water bodies). Please include current and historic site maps.

g. Current and historic site operations/processes (e.g., parts cleaning, chemical storage areas, manufacturing, etc.).

h. Other contaminant release sites in the vicinity of the site. Hydrogeologic and contaminant data from those sites may prove helpful in testing certain hypotheses for the SCM. Include a summary of work and technical findings from nearby release sites, including the two adjacent closed LUFT sites, (i.e., Montgomery Ward site and the Quest Laboratory site).

i. Land uses and exposure scenarios on the facility and adjacent properties. Include beneficial resources (e.g., groundwater classification, wetlands, natural resources, etc.), resource use locations (e.g., water supply wells, surface water intakes), subpopulation types and locations (e.g., schools, hospitals, day care centers, etc.), exposure scenarios (e.g. residential, industrial, recreational, farming), and exposure pathways, and potential threat to sensitive receptors. Include an analysis of the contaminant volatilization from the subsurface to indoor/outdoor air exposure route (i.e., vapor pathway). Please include copies of Sanborn maps and aerial photographs, as appropriate.

j. Identification and listing of specific data gaps that require further investigation during subsequent phases of work. Proposed activities to investigate and fill data gaps identified.

TABLE 1

INITIAL SITE CONCEPTUAL MODEL

CSM Element	CSM Sub-Element	Description	Data Gap	How to Address
Geology and Hydrogeology	Regional	The site is in the northwest portion of the Livermore Valley, which consists of a structural trough within the Diablo Range and contains the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin (referred to as "the Basin") (DWR, 2006). Several faults traverse the Basin, which act as barriers to groundwater flow, as evidenced by large differences in water levels between the upgradient and downgradient sides of these faults (DWR, 2006). The Basin is divided into 12 groundwater basins, which are defined by faults and non-water-bearing geologic units (DWR, 1974). The hydrogeology of the Basin consists of a thick sequence of fresh-water-bearing continental deposits from alluvial fans, outwash plains, and lacustrine environments to up to approximately 5,000 feet bgs (DWR, 2006). Three defined fresh-water bearing geologic units exist within the Basin: Holocene Valley Fill (up to approximately 400 feet bgs in the central portion of the Basin), the Plio-Pleistocene Livermore Formation (generally between approximately 400 and 4,000 feet bgs in the central portion of the Basin), and the Pliocene Tassajara Formation (generally between approximately 250 and 5,000 or more feet bgs) (DWR, 1974). The Valley Fill units in the western portion of the Basin are capped by up to 40 feet of clay (DWR, 2006).	None	NA
	Site	***Geology:*** Borings advanced at the site indicate that subsurface materials consist primarily of finer-grained deposits (clay, sandy clay, silt and sandy silt) with interbedded sand lenses to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs), the approximate depth to which these borings were advanced. The documented lithology for one on-site boring that was logged to approximately 45 feet bgs indicates that beyond approximately 20 feet bgs, fine-grained soils are present to approximately 45 feet bgs. A cone penetrometer technology test indicated the presence of sandier lenses from approximately 45 to 58 feet bgs and even coarser materials (interbedded with finer-grained materials) from approximately 58 feet to 75 feet bgs, the total depth drilled. The lithology documented at the site is similar to that reported at other nearby sites, specifically the Montgomery Ward site (7575 Dublin Boulevard), the Quest laboratory site (6511 Golden Gate Drive), the Shell-branded Service Station site (11989 Dublin Boulevard), and the Chevron site (7007 San Ramon Road). ***Hydrogeology:*** Shallow groundwater has been encountered at depths of approximately 9 to 15 feet bgs. The hydraulic gradient and groundwater flow direction have not been specifically evaluated at the site.	As noted, most borings at the site have been advanced to approximately 20 feet bgs, and one boring has been advanced and logged to 45 feet bgs; CPT data was collected to 75 feet bgs at one location. Lithologic data will be obtained from additional borings that will be advanced on site to further the understanding of the subsurface, especially with respect to deeper lithology. The on-site shallow groundwater horizontal gradient has not been confirmed. Additionally, it is not known if there may be a vertical component to the hydraulic gradient.	Two direct push borings and four multi-port wells will be advanced to depth (up to approximately 75 feet bgs) and soil lithology will be logged. See items 4 and 5 on Table 2. Shallow and deeper groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to provide information on lateral and vertical gradients. See Items 2 and 5 on Table 2.
Surface Water Bodies		The closest surface water bodies are culverted creeks. Martin Canyon Creek flows from a gully west of the site, enters a culvert north of the site, and then bends to the south, passing approximately 1,000 feet east of the site before flowing into the Alamo Canal. Dublin Creek flows from a gully west of the site, enters a culvert approximately 750 feet south of the site, and then joins Martin Canyon Creek approximately 750 feet southeast of the site.	None	NA
Nearby Wells		The State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker GAMA website includes information regarding the approximate locations of water supply wells in California. In the vicinity of the site, the closest water supply wells presented on this website are depicted approximately 2 miles southeast of the site; the locations shown are approximate (within 1 mile of actual location for California Department of Public Health supply wells and 0.5 mile for other supply wells). No water-producing wells were identified within 1/4 mile of the site in the well survey conducted for the Quest Laboratory site (6511 Golden Gate Drive; documented in 2009); information documented in a 2005 report for the Chevron site at 7007 San Ramon Road indicates that a water-producing well may exist within 1/2 mile of the site.	A formal well survey is needed to identify water-producing, monitoring, cathodic protection, and dewatering wells.	Obtain data regarding nearby, permitted wells from the California Department of Water Resources and Zone 7 Water Agency (Item 11 on Table 2).

TABLE 2

DATA GAPS AND PROPOSED INVESTIGATION

Item	Data Gap	Proposed Investigation	Rationale	Analysis
5	Evaluate the possible presence of impacts to deeper groundwater. Evaluate deeper groundwater concentration trends over time. Obtain data regarding the vertical groundwater gradient. Obtain more lithological data below 20 feet bgs.	Install four continuous multichannel tubing (CMT) groundwater monitoring wells (aka multi-port wells) to approximately 65 feet bgs in the northern parking lot with ports at three depths (monitoring well locations may be adjusted pending results of shallow grab groundwater samples; we will discuss any potential changes with ACEH before proceeding). Groundwater monitoring frequency to be determined. Soil samples will be collected only if there are field indications of impacts. Soil lithology will be logged. However, information regarding the moisture content of soil may not be reliable using sonic drilling technology (two borings will be logged using direct push technology; see Item 4, above).	One well is proposed at the western (upgradient) property boundary to confirm that there are no deeper groundwater impacts from upgradient. Two wells are proposed near the center of the northern parking lot to evaluate potential impacts in an area where deeper impacts, if any, would most likely to be found. One well is proposed at the eastern (downgradient) property boundary to confirm that there are no impacts extending off-site. Port depths will be chosen based on the locations of saturated soils (as logged in direct push borings; see Item 4, above), but are expected at approximately 15, 45, and 60 feet bgs.	*Groundwater:* VOCs by EPA Method 8260, dissolved oxygen, oxidation/reduction potential, temperature, pH, and specific conductance.
6	Evaluate possible off-site migration of impacted soil vapor in the downgradient direction (east). Evaluate concentration trends over time.	Install 4 temporary nested soil vapor probes at approximately 4 and 8 feet bgs along the eastern property boundary. Based on the results of the sampling, two sets of nested probes will be converted to vapor monitoring wells to allow for evaluation of VOC concentration trends over time.	Available data indicate that PCE and TCE are present in soil vapor in the eastern portion of the northern parking lot. Samples are proposed on approximately 50-foot intervals along the eastern property boundary to provide a transect of concentrations through the vapor plume. The depths of 4 and 8 feet bgs are chosen to provide data closest to the source (i.e., groundwater) while avoiding saturated soil, and also provide shallower data to help evaluate potential attenuation within the soil column. Two sets of nested vapor probes will be converted into vapor monitoring wells (by installing well boxes at ground surface); the locations of the permanent wells will be chosen based on the results of samples from the temporary probes.	*Soil vapor* : VOCs by EPA Method TO-15.
7	Evaluate potential for off-site migration of impacted groundwater in the downgradient direction (east).	Advance two borings to approximately 20 feet bgs in the parking lot of the property east of the Crown site for collection of grab groundwater samples.	Two borings are proposed off-site, on the property east of the Crown site, just east of the building in the expected area of highest potential VOC concentrations.	*Groundwater:* VOCs by EPA Method 8260, dissolved oxygen, oxidation/reduction potential, temperature, pH, and specific conductance.
8	Evaluate VOC concentrations just north of the highest concentration area.	Advance two borings to approximately 20 feet bgs north of Building A for collection of soil and grab groundwater samples. Soil samples will be collected at two depths in the vadose zone. Soil samples will be collected based on field indications of impacts (PID readings, odor, staining) or, in the absence of field indications of impacts, at 5 and 10 feet bgs.	The highest concentrations of PCE in groundwater were detected at boring NM-B-32, just north of Building A. The nearest available data to the north are approximately 75 feet away. One of the borings will be advanced approximately 20 feet north of NM-B-32 to provide data close to the highest concentration area. A second boring will be advanced approximately halfway between the first boring and former boring NM-B-33 to provide additional spatial data for contouring purposes. These borings will be part of a transect in the highest concentration area.	*Groundwater:* VOCs by EPA Method 8260, dissolved oxygen, oxidation/reduction potential, temperature, pH, and specific conductance. *Soil:* VOCs by EPA Method 8260 (soil samples to be collected using field preservation in accordance with EPA Method 5035).
9	Evaluate VOC concentrations in soil vapor in the south parcel of the site.	Install four temporary soil vapor probes at approximately 5 feet bgs around boring SV-25, where PCE was detected in soil vapor at a low concentration.	PCE was detected in soil vapor sample SV-25 in the southern parcel, although was not detected in groundwater in that area. Three probes will be installed approximately 30 feet from of boring SV-25 to attempt to delineate the extent of impacts. A fourth probe is proposed west of the original sample, close to the property boundary and the location of mapped utility lines, which may be a potential conduit, to evaluate potential impacts from the west.	*Soil vapor* : VOCs by EPA Method TO-15.
10	Obtain additional information regarding subsurface structures and utilities to further evaluate migration pathways and sources.	Ground penetrating radar (GPR) and other utility locating methodologies will be used, as appropriate, to further evaluate the presence of unknown utilities and structures at the site.	Utilities have been identified at the site that include an on-site sewer lateral and drain line, and shallow water, electric, and gas lines. Given the current understanding of the distribution of PCE in groundwater at the site, it is possible that other subsurface utilities, and specifically sewer laterals, exist that may act as a source or migration pathway for distribution of VOCs in the subsurface.	NA