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Messrs. Edward, Don, Scott and Paul Devore
c/o Mr. Michael Lebow
Slaughter, Reagan & Cole, L.L.P.
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Ms. Karlen Galstyan (reportedly doing business as KG Road Services or SBA Recycling Inc.)
210 W. Slauson Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90003

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF INVESTIGATION WORKPLAN**

SITE: **206 AND 210 W. SLAUSON AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA (SCP FILE NO. 1456)**

Dear Mr. Lebow and Ms. Galstyan:

A California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), Los Angeles Region, received the *Investigation Workplan* (Workplan) dated April 29, 2019, submitted by Bowyer Environmental Consulting, Inc. on behalf of Mr. Michael Lebow, Slaughter, Reagan & Cole, L.L.P., as legal advisor to Messrs. Edward, Don, Scott and Paul Devore (collectively referred to as the Devores) for the above-referenced site (Site).

BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2019, a release of hazardous waste occurred when sparks ignited a potentially leaking 9,000-gallon gasoline tanker truck which was parked at the Site. An adjacent residential property located due west of the Site at 216 W. Slauson Avenue (Residential Property) also caught fire and was also damaged, subsequently this house has been red tagged for no occupancy. Eyewitnesses reported that vapor in the storm drain also ignited and caused one manhole cover to fly into the air. The Devores indicate they had no prior knowledge of the presence of the tanker truck. The property was leased at the time to Ms. Karlen Galstyan (reportedly doing business as KG Road Services or SBA Recycling Inc.), with a condition to the lease that the property is to be used for truck and vehicle storage only. The current work being done at the Site and Residential Property is under the direction of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Response Program (USEPA-ERP), which is the lead agency for the emergency response. This action is coordinated with the Regional Board and other State and local agencies to enforce State law.

At the time of the initial emergency response, it was reported that the product from the ruptured tanker and fire suppressant water flowed from the tanker to the southeast across the existing asphalt and onto bare soil along the eastern Site boundary and on the Residential Property. Approximately 1,600 gallons of liquid was vacuumed up from the Site and containerized in a Baker Tank on the Site. Also, absorbent material was applied to the ground to collect additional free liquids. The absorbent material was then collected along

with miscellaneous debris and placed into eight 55-gallon drums and one 20 cubic yard bin. In addition, the off-site storm drain was decontaminated with sand bag barriers set up to limit the flow during future storm events, and visqueen plastic placed on the bare soil of the eastern portion of the Residential Property.

The solid and liquid materials generated during the initial emergency response were sampled and analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) gasoline-range (gasoline). Composite samples were also collected from the 20 cubic yard bin and from the drums and were analyzed for TPH diesel-range organic, TPH motor oil-range organics, CAM metals, and polychlorinated hydrocarbons (PCBs). Results indicated containerized solid material with high concentrations of constituents of concern, including:

1. Benzene at up to 14 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)
2. Toluene at up to 600 mg/kg
3. Ethylbenzene at up to 230 mg/kg
4. Total xylenes at up to 2,560 mg/kg
5. TPH-gasoline at up to 14,000 mg/kg
6. TPH-diesel up to 33,000 mg/kg
7. TPH- motor oil up to 35,000 mg/kg
8. Metals and PCBs were either non-detect or present at low concentrations.

WORKPLAN SUMMARY

The Workplan proposes to define the extent of the petroleum hydrocarbon and other impacts to soil and soil vapor at the Site and migrating off-Site due to the release of hazardous materials to soil and soil vapor and follow up emergency response activities. The proposed work includes the following tasks:

1. Drill sixteen soil borings (S-1 through S-9 and SV-1 through SV-7), using a combination of hand auger and direct-push sampling techniques, and collect soil samples for analysis of VOCs and TPH at 0.5, 2.5 and 5.0 feet below ground surface (bgs).
2. Extend seven of these sixteen soil borings (SV-1 through SV-7) to deeper depths and collect soil samples at 10.0 and 15.0 feet bgs for analysis of VOCs and TPH.
3. Install and sample soil vapor probes for analysis of VOCs and TPH at seven locations (SV-1 through SV-7) at depths of 5.0 and 15.0 feet bgs.

REGIONAL BOARD COMMENTS

Based on our review, we approve implementation of the Workplan as proposed. A technical report of results of implementation of the Workplan is due to the Regional Board by **August 9, 2019**. Please notify Regional Board staff seven days prior to start of field work associated with the Workplan so that we may arrange to be present.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 576-6740 or at robert.ehe@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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