



**Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board** 

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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2015-0012 Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for In-Situ Remediation and Discharge of Treated Groundwater to Land, former Apache Plastics, 2050 East Fremont Street, Stockton, San Joaquin County

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) received a Report of Waste Discharge Permit Application and Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted on your behalf by Advanced GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (AGE) on 23 September 2014 for the unauthorized underground storage tank (UST) release at 2050 East Fremont Street in Stockton (Site). The NOI requests coverage under General Order No. R-5-2015-0012 (General Order) for In-Situ Remediation and Discharge of Treated Groundwater to Land (General Order). The Central Valley Water Board received the associated application fee on 26 February 2015. In response, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to operate under Order No. R5-2015-0012 on 19 May 2015, and assigned you Order No. R5-2015-0012-007.

The Central Valley Water Board issued a revised NOA, Order No. R5-2015-0012-007-Revised on 18 September 2015in response to a determination that the action levels established in the original NOA could not be achieved in compliance zone wells due to changes in groundwater geochemistry within the plume. Central Valley Water Board staff revised the action levels based on pre-injection groundwater data from treatment zone, compliance zone and background wells, collected in 2010, prior to any chemical in-situ treatment, and issuance of a revised NOA was deemed appropriate.

The original and revised NOAs allowed for injection of 5% to 8% hydrogen peroxide solution into eight (8) wells during four tri-weekly events. After completion of the injection events, groundwater monitoring data indicated that you exceeded action levels arsenic in the both of the shallow compliance zone wells, and for manganese in one of the three deep zone compliance wells, MW-8. Per the contingency plan, AGE collected confirmation samples during the next monitoring event, and concentrations of arsenic in the shallow zone compliance wells had decreased to pre-injection levels, and the concentration of manganese in the deep well MW-8 had decreased to pre-injection levels. Based on these sampling results, AGE requested revision of the NOA to allow additional injection events. Order No R5-2015-0012-028 is now in effect, and replaces Order No. R5-2015-001-007 and Order No. R5-2015-0012-007-Revised.

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## **Project Location:**

The project is in the City of Stockton in San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel No.153-130-03.

## **Project Description:**

Previous use of an UST at the Site resulted in petroleum hydrocarbon impact to soil and groundwater. The primary constituents of concern include total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dibromoethane, t-Butyl alcohol and tert-Amyl methyl ether. The Site is currently occupied by a large warehouse building and used as a hardware retail store and storage facility.

In August and September 2013, AGE conducted a pilot test using a mixture of stabilized hydrogen peroxide and chelated iron for in-well injections. Petroleum constituent concentrations decreased in all injection wells and AGE recommended additional injections of hydrogen peroxide to address residual elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in groundwater. San Joaquin County approved the proposed Corrective Action Plan in August 2014.

For this project, the Discharger submitted the following documents:

- Corrective Action Plan dated 11 August 2014
- In-Situ Chemical Oxidation Pilot Study Report dated 19 August 2014
- Corrective Action Plan Addendum dated 21 August 2014
- Notice of Intent (NOI) dated 9 September 2014
- Injection Well Installation Report dated 24 December 2014
- Addendum to Notice of Intent dated 24 April 2015

AGE proposes using eight injection wells (IW-1 through IW-5, EW-1, VEW-1, and VEW-2) for injecting a 5% to 8% hydrogen peroxide solution. Injection will occur on a tri-weekly basis, with a cycle of active injection over the first week followed by two weeks of non-injection. During each event, AGE will inject 200 gallons of injectant at 1 to 5 gallons per minute (gmp), into each of the injection wells, with a total injection volume of 1,600 gallons per event.

There are 17 monitoring wells, two (2) extraction wells and five (5) injection wells associated with this site. The Monitoring and Reporting Program, incorporated with this permit, requires sampling 19 of the 24 wells associated with this site and one monitoring well associated with the UST cleanup site, north, across East Fremont Street (Stockton City Cab MW-7). Monitoring and reporting of remaining site wells is under the direction of the lead regulatory agency, the Central Valley Water Board. No additional groundwater monitoring wells are needed or anticipated at this time. Apache Plastics will be responsible for conducting groundwater sampling, and reporting of the results as described in the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program.

AGE submitted a Contingency Plan in a letter response received 14 November 2014. The Contingency Plan to address any unforeseen negative impacts is as follows:

1. The following wells are classified as compliance wells: MW-2, MW-8, MW-11, MW-21 and MW-22. Compliance wells will be utilized as groundwater extraction wells, if deleterious by-products above action levels are observed in these wells.

2. For the purposes of this contingency plan, an impact to water quality is defined as one of the constituents exceeding an action level. Background concentrations and action levels are shown in the table below.

Apache Plastics - Action Levels			
Shallow zone (56 to 68.5 ft. bgs)	Maximum Background Concentration (ug/L)	WQO (ug/L)	Action Level (ug/L)
Arsenic	15 <sup>°</sup>	10	20
Chromium	<10 <sup>a</sup>	50	12
Cr VI	<10 <sup>b</sup>	10	10
Manganese	7,240 <sup>b</sup>	50	7,607
TDS	1,190,000 <sup>c</sup>	450,000	1,547,000
EC	968 µmhos/cm	700 µmhos/cm	968 µmhos/cm
Deep Zone (116 to 121)	Maximum Background Concentration (ug/L)	WQO (ug/L)	Action Level (ug/L)
Arsenic	70 <sup>c</sup>	10	75
Chromium	10 <sup>a</sup>	50	12
Cr VI	<10 <sup>b</sup>	10	10
Manganese	3,270 <sup>b</sup>	50	3,456
TDS	970,000 <sup>c</sup>	450,000	1,253,443
EC	1,065 µmhos/cm	700 µmhos/cm	1,065 µmhos/cm

a – 2015 sample data from background wells MW-4 or CSS-MW-7

b – 2010 pre-injection sample data

c - baseline data using June 2015 data from treatment zone and compliance zone wells

- 3. If any constituents listed above exceed their respective action levels in compliance wells, the well(s) will be sampled during the next quarterly monitoring event and if concentrations still exceed action levels, groundwater extraction will be initiated as outlined below.
- 4. AGE proposes that wells showing negative effects due to injection be pumped at a rate between 1 and 3 gallons per minutes until impacted wells are below action levels. Water from the wells will be stored on-site in a 20,000 gallon capacity tank. Once the capacity of the tank has been reached the water will be transported to a licensed waste facility and properly disposed.
- 5. Groundwater extraction will continue until concentrations in compliance wells decrease to less than action levels.

If the Responsible Party desires to modify the injectants and/or volume of injectants, a revised Notice of Intent must be submitted and a new Notice of Applicability issued prior to proceeding with the additional/modified injection.

The scope of work for this project is covered by the CEQA documentation for the General Order. Additional CEQA activities are not needed.

Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments for the draft Notice of Applicability and Monitoring and Reporting Program during the 30-day public comment period ending 25 April 2015. Completion of a second public comment period for issuance of this Revised Order is not necessary.

### **Specific Requirements:**

- 1. The project will be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order and in accordance with the information submitted in the Notice of Intent.
- 2. The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water Resources Control Board) shall be submitted until this Notice of Applicability is officially rescinded.
- 3. The Responsible Party shall comply with the attached General Order No. R5-2015-0012, General Waste Discharge Requirements for In-situ Groundwater Remediation and Discharge of Treated Groundwater to Land.
- 4. Injection of materials other than dilute hydrogen peroxide, into the subsurface is prohibited, unless analysis, as specified in Order No. R5-2015-0012, of the injectant is provided and approval is given by Board staff.
- 5. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order could result in an enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.
- 6. The Responsible Party will implement the final contingency plan, included as part of the Notice of Intent, within 30-days of it being triggered.
- 7. The Responsible Party shall comply with the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program, Order No. R5-2015-0012-028 and any revisions thereto as ordered by the Executive Officer.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Vera Fischer at (916) 464-4792 or contact her at vera.fischer@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original signed by

Pamela C. Creedon Executive Officer

Attachment: General Order No. R5-2015-0012 Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2015-0012-028

cc: Jovel Vossler, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sacramento Nuel Henderson, San Joaquin County Environmental Management, Stockton Daniel Villanueva, Advanced GeoEnvironmental, Inc., Stockton

### CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

## MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R5-2015-0012-028

### FOR IN-SITU GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION AND DISCHARGE OF TREATED GROUNDWATER TO LAND FOR APACHE PLASTICS (Former) 2050 EAST FREMONT STREET, STOCKTON, CA SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) describes requirements for monitoring a groundwater remediation system for the former Apache Plastics facility at 2050 East Fremont Street in Stockton, San Joaquin County. This MRP is issued pursuant to Water Code Section 13267. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until a revised MRP is issued by the Executive Officer. As appropriate, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) staff shall approve specific sample station locations prior to implementation of sampling activities.

All samples should be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge or matrix of the material sampled. The time, date, and location of each sample shall be recorded on the sample chain of custody form.

## **GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

- 1. As shown on Figure 2, there are 17 monitoring wells, two (2) extraction wells, and five (5) injection wells associated with this site. The groundwater monitoring program for these wells and any treatment system wells installed subsequent to the issuance of this MRP shall follow the schedule below. Monitoring wells with free phase petroleum product or visible sheen shall be monitored, at a minimum, for product thickness and depth to water. The volume of extracted groundwater, if applicable, shall also be provided in quarterly monitoring reports. Sample collection and analysis shall follow standard EPA protocol.
- 2. The monitoring wells, extraction wells and/or injection wells shall be sampled according to the schedule in Table 1 and the samples analyzed by the methods in Table 2, as follows:

Well Number <sup>1</sup>	Constituent Suite(s) <sup>3</sup>	Frequency <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring Objective
MW-2, MW-8, MW-11, MW-21 and MW-22	Suite A, Suite B	Once within 6 months of treatment. Semi- Annually thereafter	Compliance⁴

### Table 1: Sampling Frequency and Constituent Suite

Table 1. Sampling Frequency and Constituent Suite (Cont.)			
Well Number <sup>1</sup>	Constituent Suite(s) <sup>3</sup>	Frequency <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring Objective
MW-9, MW-13, MW-23, MW-24, EW-1, VEW-1 and VEW-2	Suite A, Suite B	Quarterly	Treatment Zone⁵
MW-4 and SCC-MW-7	Suite A, Suite B	Annually	Background <sup>6</sup>
MW-10, MW-14, MW-15, MW-18, MW-19 and MW-20	Suite A	Semi-Annually	Other <sup>7</sup>

# Table 1: Sampling Frequency and Constituent Suite (cont.)

<sup>1</sup> Well numbers as shown on Figure 1. <sup>2</sup> Prior to startup and stated frequency thereafter.

<sup>3</sup> Constituent suite components listed in Table 2.

<sup>4</sup>Wells used to determine compliance with groundwater limitations.

<sup>5</sup> Wells sampled to evaluate progress inside the treatment zone. <sup>6</sup> Wells used to develop background concentrations.

<sup>7</sup>Wells used to define the extent of pollution.

## **Table 2: Analytical Methods**

Constituent	Method <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Practical Quantitation Limit (μg/L) <sup>2</sup>	
Suite A			
TPH-Gasoline	EPA 8260B or 8015	50	
TPH-Diesel	EPA 8260B or 8015	50	
BTEX <sup>3</sup>	EPA 8260B	0.5	
1,2-Dichloroethane	EPA 8260B	0.5	
t-Butyl alcohol	EPA 8260B	5	
tert-Amyl methyl ether	EPA 8260B	0.5	
1,2-Dibromoethane	EPA 8260B	0.5	
Suite B			
Metals, Dissolved <sup>4</sup>	EPA 6010 or 6020	Various	
Hexavalent Chromium	EPA 7199	1.0	
Total Dissolved Solids	EPA SM250C	10	

Or an equivalent EPA Method that achieves the same or lower Practical Quantitation Limit.

<sup>2</sup> All concentrations between the Method Detection Limit and the Practical Quantitation Limit shall be reported as trace.

<sup>3</sup> BTEX = benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes

<sup>4</sup> Metals include: Arsenic, Chromium, and Manganese

## FIELD SAMPLING

3. In addition to the above sampling and analysis, field sampling and analysis shall be conducted each time a monitoring well or injection well is sampled. The sampling and analysis of field parameters shall be as specified in Table 3.

Parameters	Units	Practical Quantitation Limit	Analytical Method
Groundwater Elevation	Feet, Mean Sea Level	0.01 feet	Measurement +/- 0.01 ft.
Oxidation-Reduction Potential	Millivolts	10 millivolts	Field Meter
Electrical Conductivity	uhmos/cm	50 µS/cm <sup>2</sup>	Field Meter
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.2 mg/L	Field Meter
рН	pH Units (to 0.1 units)	0.1 units	Field Meter
Temperature	<sup>0</sup> F/ <sup>0</sup> C	0.1 °F/°C	Field Meter

### Table 3: Field Sampling Requirements

All wells that are purged shall be purged until pH, temperature, conductivity and dissolved oxygen are within 10% of the previous value.

- 4. Field test instruments (such as those used to test pH and dissolved oxygen) may be used provided that:
  - (a) The operator is trained in proper use and maintenance of the instruments;
  - (b) The instruments are calibrated prior to each monitoring event;
  - (c) Instruments are serviced and/or calibrated by the manufacturer at the recommended frequency; and
  - (d) Field calibration reports are submitted as described in item (b) of the "Reporting" section of this MRP.

## IN-SITU DISCHARGE MONITORING

5. The Discharger shall monitor during the injection event the discharge of hydrogen peroxide that is injected into the groundwater according to the requirements specified in Table 4. Each amendment addition shall be recorded individually, along with information regarding the time period over which the amendment was injected into the subsurface.

Table 4. Discharge Monitoring Requirements		
Parameters Units		Type of Sample
Injected Volume	gallons of injectant per day	Meter

### **Table 4: Discharge Monitoring Requirements**

### ESTABLISHMENT OF BACKGROUND CONCENTRATION VALUES

6. The Discharger established the following background values for concentrations in shallow groundwater (about 56 to 68 feet below ground surface) in Table 5A and deep groundwater (about 116-121 feet below ground surface) in Table 5B.

Constituent	Background Concentration (µg/L)	
Arsenic	15	
Chromium	<10	
Hexavalent Chromium	<10	
Manganese	7,240	
Total Dissolved Solids	1,190,000	
Electrical Conductivity	968 umhos/cm	

#### **Table 5A: Shallow Background Concentration Values**

Table 5D. Deep Background Concentration Values		
Constituent	Background Concentration (µg/L)	
Arsenic	70	
Chromium	10	
Hexavalent Chromium	<10	
Manganese	3,270	
Total Dissolved Solids	970,000	
Electrical Conductivity	1,065 umhos/cm	

### Table 5B: Deep Background Concentration Values

### REPORTING

- 7. When reporting the data, the Responsible Party shall arrange the information in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, and the concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner as to illustrate clearly the compliance with this Order. In addition, the Responsible Party shall notify the Central Valley Water Board within 48 hours of any changes in scheduled injection and/or monitoring events. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the locations specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall also be reported to the Central Valley Water Board.
- 8. As required by the California Business and Professions Code Sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, all reports shall be prepared by a registered professional or their subordinate and signed by the registered professional.
- 9. The Discharger shall submit semi-annual electronic data reports, which conform to the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 30. The semi-annual reports shall be submitted electronically over the internet to the Geotracker database system by the 1st day of the second month following the end of each half of the year (i.e., by 1 February and 1 August) until such time as the Executive Officer determines that the reports are no longer necessary.

- 10. Electronic copies of semi-annual reports shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database by the 1st day of the second month following the end of each half of the year (by 1 February and 1 August). Each semi-annual report shall include the following minimum information:
  - (a) A description and discussion of the groundwater sampling event and results, including trends in the concentrations of pollutants and groundwater elevations in the wells, how and when samples were collected, and whether the pollutant plume(s) is delineated.
  - (b) Field logs that contain, at a minimum, water quality parameters measured before, during, and after purging, method of purging, depth of water, volume of water purged, etc.
  - (c) Groundwater contour maps for all groundwater zones.
  - (d) Pollutant concentration maps for all groundwater zones.
  - (e) A table showing well construction details such as well number, groundwater zone being monitored, coordinates (longitude and latitude), ground surface elevation, reference elevation, elevation of screen, elevation of bentonite, elevation of filter pack, and elevation of well bottom.
  - (f) A table showing historical lateral and vertical flow directions and gradients.
  - (g) Cumulative data tables containing the water quality analytical results and depth to groundwater.
  - (h) A copy of the laboratory analytical data report, which may be submitted in an electronic format.
  - (i) The status of any ongoing remediation, including an estimate of the cumulative mass of pollutant removed from the subsurface, the effectiveness of the remediation system, and any field notes pertaining to the injection and monitoring of the remedial action.
  - (j) The reasons for and duration of all interruptions in the operation of the remediation project, and actions planned or taken to correct and prevent interruptions.
- 11. An Annual Report shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database by **1 February** of each year. This report shall contain an evaluation of the effectiveness and progress of the investigation and remediation, and may be substituted for the second semi-annual monitoring report. The Annual Report shall contain the following minimum information:
  - (a) Both tabular and graphical summaries of all data obtained during the year.
  - (b) Groundwater contour maps and pollutant concentration maps containing all data obtained during the previous year.

- (c) A discussion of the long-term trends in the concentrations of the pollutants in the groundwater monitoring wells.
- (d) An analysis of whether the pollutant plume is being effectively treated.
- (e) A description of all remedial activities conducted during the year, an analysis of their effectiveness in removing the pollutants, and plans to improve remediation system effectiveness.
- (f) An identification of any data gaps and potential deficiencies/redundancies in the monitoring network or reporting program.
- (g) A proposal and rationale for any revisions to the groundwater sampling plan frequency and/or list of analytes.
- 12. A letter transmitting the monitoring reports shall accompany each report. Such a letter shall include a discussion of requirement violations found during the reporting period, and actions taken or planned for correcting noted violations, such as operation or facility modifications. If the Discharger has previously submitted a report describing corrective actions and/or a time schedule for implementing the corrective actions, reference to the previous correspondence will be satisfactory. The transmittal letter shall contain the penalty of perjury statement by the Discharger, or the Discharger's authorized agent, as described in the Standard Provisions General Reporting Requirements Section B.3.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program on the first day of the month following adoption of this Order.

Ordered by: <u>original signed by</u> PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

> <u>5-5-17</u> (Date)

