
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 6, 2014

Mr. Alan Skobin
Northridge Properties, LLC
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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13267 ORDER

SITE: FORMER ZERO CORPORATION FACILITY, 777 NORTH FRONT STREET, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA RWQCB FILE NO. 109.6162

Dear Mr. Skobin:

On May 10, 2011, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles (Regional Board) directed Northridge Properties, LLC to submit a technical soil investigation work plan. On August 15, 2011 the Regional Board received the technical document titled "Soil Assessment Work Plan." A revision to the Work Plan was received by the Regional Board on November 23, 2011 and the Work Plan was then implemented. A final report was received by the Regional Board on October 3, 2012.

SUMMARY OF FINAL REPORT

The final report summarized the onsite investigation and based on a review of the report, Regional Board staff determined that additional onsite soil assessment was warranted. The reasons for the additional onsite soil investigation is to prevent a significant risk to human health and safety or to the environment; and to characterize the potential for hexavalent chromium (CrVI) groundwater contamination beneath the former Zero Corporation facility (Site). Regional Board files on the Site indicate the past use of chromic acid in onsite plating operations may have had the potential to contribute to the regional groundwater contamination.

REGIONAL BOARD COMMENTS AND ADDITIONS

The additional onsite soil assessment scope-of-work (SOW) shall be presented in a new work Plan (Report) and must address the following goals:

1. Completion of the onsite subsurface soil assessment work of the previous soil investigation; and
2. Determine the vertical extent of CrVI in former soil boring SS-4 which is located within the area of a particular three-stage clarifier.

Specifically the Report shall be developed to evaluate the CrVI contamination in subsurface soils in the area of the above referenced 3-stage clarifier and submitted to the Regional Board by **October 15, 2014**. The work plan shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Completion of one soil boring in the area of the 3-stage clarifier. The location of the boring will be determined in the field with Regional Board staff present.
2. The soil boring will be completed to a depth of at least 50-feet below ground surface (bgs). A determination will be made in the field by Regional Board staff whether the boring should be advanced to a deeper depth. The determination will be based on field observations and professional judgment.
3. Soil samples will be collected at 1-foot, 5-foot, and then every 5-feet until the desired depth is attained.
4. The soils samples will be analyzed for hexavalent chromium by EPA Method 7196.
5. Field log sheets will be generated during the completion of the boring.
6. The soil boring activities and sample results will be provided to the Regional Board in a final report within 60 calendar days of the completion of field work.

The above requirement for submittal of a technical report constitutes an amendment to the requirements of the California Water Code section 13267 Order originally dated May 10, 2011. All other aspects of the Order originally dated May 10, 2011, and the amendments thereto, remain in full force and effect. The required technical report is necessary to investigate the characteristics of and extend of the discharges of waste at the site and to evaluate cleanup alternatives. Therefore, the burden, including costs, of the report bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and benefits to be obtained. Pursuant to section 13268 of the California Water Code, failure to submit the required technical report by the specified due date may result in civil liability administratively imposed by the Regional Board in an amount up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each day each technical report is not received.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Larry Moore, Project Manager, at (213-576-6730 number) (Lawrence.Moore@waterboards.ca.govf).

Sincerely,

fw Paul Rasmussen

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Executive Officer

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