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Mr. Roger Briggs  
Executive Officer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board-Central Coast Region  
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**Re: Chevron Progress Report for March 2004, Regional Water Quality Control Board Cleanup or Abatement Order 00-28, Chevron Station No. 9-0919, Cambria, California**

Dear Mr. Briggs:

This monthly progress report is submitted in accordance with the Regional Water Quality Board (RWQCB) Cleanup or Abatement Order 00-28 issued on April 14, 2000.

The following activities were completed last month to assess the release from the Chevron service station:

1. Conducted groundwater monitoring as part of the first quarter 2004 monitoring event in accordance with the requirements of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 97-79.
2. Submitted the February 2004 groundwater monitoring results on March 22, 2004, as part of the Monthly Remediation Status Report for February 2004.

The following activities were completed last month to remediate the release from the Chevron service station:

1. Continued the operation and monitoring of the onsite high-vacuum dual-phase extraction (HDVPE) system. System operation was transitioned to a pulse mode in late April 2003 due to low influent hydrocarbon vapor concentrations. In August 2003, the electric catalytic oxidizers were replaced by granular activated carbon vessels for vapor abatement.
2. Continued operation and evaluation of the offsite hydraulic containment system. The system currently includes groundwater extraction from nine wells (MW-10, MW-11, MW-19, MW-35, MW-36, MW-46, MW-47, MW-48 and HVE-2). In early August 2003, the activated carbon-based groundwater treatment system installed previously by Chevron at the Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant was relocated to the service station property. Currently, groundwater extracted from the groundwater extraction and HVDPE system is treated onsite

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and the treated groundwater is trucked to the Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant for discharge to the treatment works.

3. Conducted monthly groundwater level gauging and sampling of the groundwater extraction wells as required by Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 97-79, revised December 11, 2001.
4. Submitted the February 2004 remediation system monitoring results on March 22, 2004, as part of the Monthly Remediation Status Report for February 2004.
5. As part of the work described in the Source Zone Remediation Design Report dated September 11, 2003, installed 6 groundwater extraction wells and 5 piezometers on the adjacent properties. Four additional high vacuum extraction wells were installed on the service station property. Construction activities to connect the new extraction wells to the existing remediation equipment are ongoing.

With respect to water replacement, as recently reported in the press and as discussed in more detail in our correspondence to the RWQCB dated January 27, 2004, Chevron has reached a settlement of the civil lawsuit brought by the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD). The settlement has resolved all water replacement issues and assists CCSD in securing and maintaining a more reliable source of potable water for the community. Chevron has finalized the Settlement Agreement with the CCSD.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these actions in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



FOR Eric Roehl  
Project Manager