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Subject: Report - Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
Harbor of Refuge
Port Lavaca, Texas

Dear Ms. Weaver:

CRG Texas Environmental Services, Inc. (CRG Texas) is pleased to present this summary report detailing the observations and findings from the recent limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted at the above-mentioned site. The limited Phase II included the installation of several 4 near surface soil borings and conversion of two of those borings to temporary groundwater monitoring wells (TMWs), collection of soil and groundwater samples for laboratory chemical analysis, and preparation of a Phase II ESA report. This effort was implemented to further evaluate minor exceedances of soil-to-groundwater transfer protective concentration levels (PCLs) documented during a recent Phase I ESA conducted on the property.

SCOPE OF WORK

Soil Boring Installation

Prior to Mobilization, a 48-hour utility locate notification will be submitted to Lonestar Locators, One Call, or Digg Tess as required by law. A total of four (4) soil borings were installed using a direct-push drilling rig at locations identified proximal to the sampling locations conducted during the recently completed Phase I ESA. The soil borings were advanced to a depth of 20 feet below grade. Groundwater was encountered in all 4 borings at depths of 7-12.5 feet below grade. A Texas-Licensed Water Well Driller performed all boring related activities under the supervision of a Texas-licensed Professional Geoscientist.

Soil and Groundwater Sampling

Soil samples recovered from each soil boring were continuously screened for odors and staining, and organic vapor concentrations were measured using an portable photoionization detector (PID). Samples were collected from each soil boring for laboratory chemical analyses as follows.

- Soil samples were collected at an approximate depth of 5 ft below grade, and from the highest observed PID response or the apparent capillary fringe (typically 10-12.5 ft) just above the soil-groundwater interface.
- Two borings were converted to temporary monitoring wells from which groundwater samples were collected.

Laboratory Chemical Analysis

Soil and groundwater samples were analyzed for the listed analytes as presented below:

- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) by Texas Method 1005;
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by Method 8260;
- Metals by EPA Method 6010/6020/7471 as appropriate for the specific sample locations;
- If TPH is detected in the soil or groundwater samples, the soil and/or groundwater sample with the highest TPH concentration will be analyzed for poly-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) by EPA Method 8270C or TPH speciation by Method TX 1006;
- Depending on the initial metals results, the samples may be further analyzed for by Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedures to determine the potential for soil-to-groundwater transfer of specific analytes; and,
- Given the proximity to the coast, groundwater samples were also analyzed for chlorides and total dissolved solids. This data will be useful in determining the site groundwater classification in the event that groundwater impacts are identified.

Observations

Soil cores collected from the 4 sample locations generally appeared as "native" soil except for a small interval (approximately 1 ft) in boring SB-3 where some plastic material was observed at an approximate depth of 8 feet. There was a slight odor and an anomalous organic vapor reading (26.1 units) was detected in that interval as well. A sample was collected from that interval. None of the remaining borings penetrated readily apparent "landfill" debris.

Although it appeared that some surface clean-up had been performed since our initial visit, there are still numerous, poorly labeled containers (i.e., 55-gallon or smaller) containing indeterminate liquids. These are assumed to be petroleum-based lubricants and oils based on field observations (i.e., slight petroleum odors / staining, etc.).

Findings from the original surface sampling indicate the presence petroleum hydrocarbons and select metals (arsenic, barium and lead) at concentrations exceeding TCEQ's soil-to-groundwater transfer protective concentration levels (PCLs).

Reporting

Upon receipt of the analytical results, a summary report will be completed and submitted electronically to you. The analytical results will be compared to regulatory standards established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to include Tier 1 protective concentration levels (PCLs) or calculated Tier 2 or 3 PCLs as may be appropriate for the detected inorganic analytes. The report will include:

- Site Map
- Soil Data and Analytical Summary
- Groundwater Monitoring Well Analytical Summary
- Chain of Custody and Field Reports

- Laboratory Analytical Results
- Tier 2 Metals / TPH PCL Calculations
- Recommendations for Follow-on Actions as needed

We appreciate the opportunity to provide Environmental Services to you.

Cordially,



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Attachments:

- Site Map
- Photo Log
- Boring Log
- Summary of Detected Analytical Results (to date)



Figure 2 – Site Map

Not to Scale



Modified Phase I ESA
 Harbor of Refuge Tracts 16, 17, and 17A (26.66 acres)
 FM 1090 South, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas, 77979
 Project Number #21-052





No. 1 View of SB-1 location at the north side of the site.



No. 2 View of soil recovered from SB-1 for soil screening, logging, and sampling.



No. 3 View of SB-2 location at the south side of the site.



No. 4 View of soil recovered from SB-2 for soil screening, logging, and sampling.



No. 5 View of SB-3 location at the north central portion of the site.



No. 6 View of soil logging for SB-3 location.



No. 7 View of temporary well at SB-3 for groundwater sample collection.



No. 8 View of SB-4 location at the west side of the site.