

April 2, 2008

Ms. Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Attention: Letty Saenz
2802 S. Business Highway US 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Re: Change Order #1 - Turnkey Solution for the Demolition & Removal of Structures and Below Ground Tanks Project

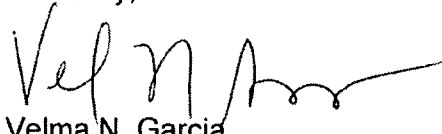
Dear Ms. Salazar:

On April 1, 2008, the Contractor (Rio Tank Services) for the above referenced project discovered three additional underground ghost tanks that were not accounted for in the original contract. In addition, upon excavating it was determined that one of the tanks originally accounted for was larger than anticipated; therefore, the contractor is asking for an additional **\$10,500.00** to cover these costs. This includes the adjusted price for the larger tank and the three additional tanks. Please see the attached bid proposal for further details.

L&G has reviewed other cost proposals on tank removals and the cost proposed is reasonable and recommends approval to continue with this project and avoid any delays.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Velma N. Garcia
Environmental Manager

cc: Roy Quintanilha, Hidalgo County
Mark Haws, Ambiotec Environmental Consultants

Attachment



**Department of Budget & Management
Safety Division
P.O. Box 1356
Edinburg, Texas 78539**

To: Ms. Martha Salazar
Hidalgo County Purchasing

From: Roy Quintanilha 
Safety Director

Date: April 1, 2008

Ref: Declaration of Emergency

Ms. Salazar, in preparing for the removal and disposal of the underground fuel storage tanks at the property 201 North Closner, Rio Tank Service (contracted vendor) found three tanks not reported on our documentation. This increases the total number of tanks to be removed from five (5) to eight (8).

L&G Engineering is preparing a change order request to account for the additional tanks. We have asked L&G to send correspondence to Rio Tank Service not to remove the three additional tanks until Commissioners Court has approved the change order. That correspondence will be forwarded to your office as soon as we receive a copy.

There is however a concern with the discovery of the three tanks. The liquid discovered in the tanks now pose an emergency that must be dealt with immediately. The tanks have either fuel, fuel byproduct, and or other combination of fuel and water in them. Because the tanks weren't recorded, it is unknown how long the contents have been stored. Due to the demolition and subsequent excavation, the tanks are now exposed and the contents pose a hazard to the public health and safety.

I am requesting the declaration of emergency be granted under the guidelines of Chapter Nine of the Hidalgo County Purchasing Policy in order to have the liquid removed from the tanks pending the changer order.

cc: Mr. Valde Guerra, Executive Officer for Commissioners Court
Mr. Ray Eufrazio, Hidalgo County Auditor
Ms. Lupita Garza, Hidalgo County Auditors Office

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April 1, 2008

Mr. Charles Kerby
Rio Tank Services
2310 N. Bryan Road
Mission, Texas 78573

Re: Removal of Three Underground Tanks

Dear Mr. Kerby:

As per today's construction activities and discovery of three new underground tanks, we respectfully request that these tanks not be removed until approval of a change order or notice to proceed is issued. For safety reasons you are authorized to remove all of the fluids from the tanks.

Please submit an itemized cost proposal as soon as possible in order to avoid delays on the project. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Velma N. Garcia
Environmental Manager

cc: Roy Quintanilha, Hidalgo County
Mark Haws, Ambiotec Environmental Consultants