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Mr. Stephen J. Lee
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Rapid Oil Change Sites

Dear Steve:

At our meeting of September 2, 1988 we discussed the status, future course of action and timing relative to addressing the above-referenced sites. As per that discussion, included below is a list of the sites where further investigating and/or remedial activity is completed, underway or contemplated. Priority has been and will be given to the sites based upon the results of the initial investigations previously submitted to you.

Three sites have undergone further investigation and discussions with Agency personnel as to appropriate remedial action has occurred. These sites are as follows:

• 3701 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony Village
5602 Lakeland Avenue North, Crystal
5800 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis

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The next three sites which are about to receive further investigation are as follows:

1925 Lexington Avenue, Roseville
8950 Highway 55, Golden Valley
1383 Arcadia Avenue, St. Paul

The remaining sites which we believe merit further investigation are the following:

5701 University Avenue, Fridley
2633 West Broadway, Minneapolis
2425 University Avenue, Minneapolis
2955 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis
8600 Lyndale Avenue, Bloomington
699 Snelling Avenue, St. Paul
619 St. Anthony Street, St. Paul
1126 South Robert Street, St. Paul

Frankly, there is little to suggest a priority among these, so we will conduct the further investigations in the most convenient manner in consultation with Agency personnel. The sole exception to this is the South Robert location which we believe warrants priority attention among those listed. Unfortunately, it is one of those sites, together with the two University Avenue sites and the Broadway and Portland sites, where the tanks were removed prior to Rapid Oil being purchased by Ashland Oil, Inc.

In accordance with your letter of July 1 and our conversations on September 2, we will not further address those five sites prior to hearing from you. It is our understanding that you will be pursuing immediately the identification and contact of responsible persons for these sites. To the extent that Ashland can be of any further help in this report, please let me know.

This leaves the Lyndale, Snelling and St. Anthony properties as the next sites to be addressed. We will be discussing any necessary further investigations at these sites with the Agency and commence same upon completion of the second set of sites specified above.

We very much appreciate your advising Ashland as to the appropriate timing of obtaining reimbursement pursuant to the Petroleum Tank Release Clean-up Fund. It is our understanding

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that this should occur for each site as corrective action is put into place with any additional non-capitol costs thereafter to be submitted on a longer term accumulated basis, e.g., owned. This appears to be a rational way to proceed and we appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Johnson".

G. Robert Johnson

GRJ/mks

cc: Michael Wilder
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