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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

October 7, 1988

The Honorable Joe Bertram, Sr.
Minnesota State Senator
887 Flanders Drive
Paynesville, Minnesota 56362

Dear Senator ^{Joe} Bertram:

I received your letter of September 7, 1988, regarding the Hasty Truck Stop, which recently had a petroleum leak in its underground storage tank system.

My understanding of the situation is that both the owners of the truck stop and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff are working well together to remedy this pollution problem. The only remaining issue is that of reimbursement from the Petro Fund (rather than Superfund) to the Hasty Truck Stop. Michael Kanner, of my staff; Dan Larson, of your staff; and Rose Radunz, who is one of the truck stop owners, discussed this by a conference call several weeks ago.

They discussed how the Hasty Truck Stop would be able to make application for reimbursement to the Petro Board for their expenses over \$10,000, being eligible for 75 percent reimbursement of costs between \$10,000 and \$100,000. (Enclosed is a copy of a Petro Board document entitled "A Guide For Applicants" which may be helpful.) Ms. Radunz felt strongly that the reimbursement should be 100 percent with no deductible.

You and I, however, voted for the partial reimbursement system, I believe, because we felt that tank owners with leaks sharing directly in the cost of cleanup from their tanks, have a reason for preventing leaks, and have a reason for managing cleanup contractors. I think this is a fair system.

I must be honest with you, Joe, I think you should start giving the MPCA more credit where it is due, rather than always being critical. The MPCA administers the laws that the legislature passes. The Petro Fund is a model for the nation. It was supported by the petroleum industry. It is designed to not only clean up, but to be able to do it without breaking the business that caused the problem.

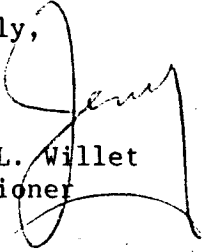
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In any case, we are working hard at these sites and intend to do a good job at each. Feel free to call me at 612/296-7301 if you have any further questions.

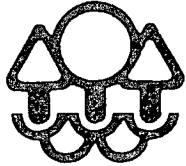
Sincerely,



Gerald L. Willet
Commissioner

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Enclosure



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COMMENTS: As we discussed, it would be appropriate to place a phone call to the senator at the time these are signed.

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