

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

May 11, 1998

Mr. Jack Curtis Curtis Oil Company 4997 Miller Trunk Highway Duluth, Minnesota 55811

RE: Corrective Action Design Approval

Site: Junction Food-N-Fuel, 5493 Miller Trunk Highway, Hermantown

Site ID#: LEAK00003534

Dear Mr. Curtis:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the Annual Monitoring Report dated March 18, 1998, and the previously submitted corrective action design information outlining a plan of response to the petroleum tank release at the above-referenced site. The MPCA staff hereby approves your recommended corrective action of ORC® injection, new water supply well installation, and old water supply well abandonment.

MPCA staff request that the approved corrective action of ORC[®] injection be initiated within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline may cause the MPCA staff to require additional investigative work to re-evaluate site conditions and/or take enforcement action to compel performance. In addition, MPCA staff may recommend a reduction or recovery of reimbursement to the Petro Board.

If subsequently obtained information indicates that the approved corrective actions are inappropriate or inadequate, the MPCA may require additional work or modifications in the approved work.

Approval of this corrective action design is based on its environmental merits for addressing the petroleum contamination only. This letter does not apply to other types of contamination that may be present on the subject property. You are responsible for insuring that this remedial system complies with all applicable building, electrical and fire codes and health department rules, and that all necessary state and local approvals are obtained. You are also responsible for ascertaining the need for and for obtaining any patents, licenses, or other permits, approvals or intellectual property rights which may be necessary.

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This approval qualifies you under Minn. Stat. § 115C.09, subd. 2(a)(3) (Supp. 1997) to be eligible for Petrofund reimbursement of eligible cleanup costs. Applications for reimbursement must be made directly to the Petrofund. Decisions regarding Petrofund reimbursement are made by the Petro Board. Reimbursement decisions are based on factors such as the adequacy of cleanup, reasonableness of cost, compliance with notification laws, and cooperation with the MPCA.

If you have questions regarding the investigation of ground water at this site, please contact MPCA staff hydrogeologist Mike Bares at 612/297-8599. If you have any other questions, please call me at 218/723-4897.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Leppälä Regional Specialist

cc: Brian McVean, Twin Ports Testing, Inc.

Minnesota Department of Commerce Petrofund Staff