

**Eddy, Andrew (MPCA)**

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**From:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2011 1:57 PM  
**To:** 'jackcurtis@curtisoil.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Leak 3534

Hi Mr. Curtis,

The MPCA is requiring an alternative water supply for the properties in question and abandoning of the wells. Municipal hookups or replacement wells could both potentially take care of the issue, subject to an assessment of cost-effectiveness and long-term sustainability. I think that an option needs to be finalized as soon as possible, followed by a submittal of the proposal for approval before any replacement happens.

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**From:** Jack Curtis [mailto:jackcurtis@curtisoil.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:54 PM  
**To:** 'Laura Novitzki'; Eddy, Andrew (MPCA)  
**Cc:** Jim Curtis  
**Subject:** RE: Leak 3534

Hi Laura and Andy,

The Hermantown City Council did not approve the extension of the water line because two of the affected property owners were unable to make the council meeting. When the two property owners expressed their dismay at the council's action and explained the problem with contamination, the city council decided to revisit the approval of the water line. We met with the city of Hermantown's administrator and he said it was back on the agenda and has a good chance of approval. I believe the decision will be made on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Andy, is it possible for the MPCA to express their preference to have a municipal water supply versus a drilled well? It may help the city council put more weight on the need for a water line extension versus the property owners that are reluctant to agree to the water line.

Jack

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**From:** Laura Novitzki [mailto:Laura.Novitzki@twinportstesting.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 3:12 PM  
**To:** jackcurtis@curtisoil.com  
**Subject:** FW: Leak 3534

Have you heard anything regarding the Junction water line extension? The MPCA is asking again...


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**From:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA) [<mailto:andrew.eddy@state.mn.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** Laura Novitzki  
**Cc:** Jack Curtis  
**Subject:** RE: Leak 3534

Hi Laura,

Any good news regarding the water extension?

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**From:** Laura Novitzki [<mailto:Laura.Novitzki@twinportstesting.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011 8:49 AM  
**To:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA)  
**Cc:** Jack Curtis  
**Subject:** RE: Leak 3534

Andy,

Below is an e-mail that Jack Curtis received from the City of Hermantown City Administrator (attachments are included). As you can see, the process for approval is moving forward and I can keep you posted as I learn more.

I have not heard any complaints from the affected property owners regarding the bottled water; in fact both places had been using bottled water long before we stepped in and the owner of MMT Heating and Cooling was originally the main person interested in pushing the water line extension forward.

In terms of reimbursement, Petrofund verbally committed to paying the amount that was originally approved for the two well installations (I believe it was somewhere around \$55,000). The additional cost of installing a water line would be split among affected landowners.

As it seems that there is no immediate danger to human health or the environment and because the water installation process is moving forward, I would hope that we could continue along this route towards site closure.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** [jackcurtis@curtisoil.com](mailto:jackcurtis@curtisoil.com)  
**Subject:** Hwy 53 Water Project

Jack,

Attached is the resolution directing Salo Engineering to complete the preliminary engineering report and the minutes which show that the Council passed the resolution. I did receive the preliminary report today, though haven't had a chance to review it yet. We will have the City Council accept the report on Monday night and call for the public hearing. That hearing will be sometime in Sept. Not sure what date yet, as we will have to set a different date than the normal 1<sup>st</sup> Monday which is Labor Day. We should know the date of the hearing by Monday

Let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA) [<mailto:andrew.eddy@state.mn.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 2:41 PM  
**To:** Laura Novitzki  
**Subject:** FW: Leak 3534

Hi Laura,

Just curious if you discussed any other options with Mr. Curtis.

I was also curious about the timing of presenting the plan without the extension. Both Kevin and I would like to get this moving as soon as possible, please let us know.

Thanks,

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**From:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2011 10:21 AM  
**To:** 'Laura Novitzki'  
**Subject:** RE: Leak 3534

Hi Laura,

Thanks for the update. Are we talking about another year of waiting to present the water line extension? I think that will draw this process out far too long. I would like to get something moving as soon as possible, so we may need to explore other options. We need to make sure occupants of the affected properties are ok with their current situations, as bottled water was meant to be a short term solution.

We will also need to explore how much of this work will be reimbursable, which I am sure Mr. Curtis will be interested in.

I think first things first we should discuss a time frame. If the line extension can be presented again soon that should be ok. If not I think we should get started with another option.

Please let me know what you think, thanks.

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**From:** Laura Novitzki [<mailto:Laura.Novitzki@twinportstesting.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2011 10:26 AM  
**To:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA)  
**Subject:** RE: Leak 3534

Hi Andy,

Sorry I haven't gotten back to you yet...

The public hearing did occur. What Curtis Oil and Steve Pelto (the owner of MMT Heating and Cooling) were trying to push through was to have the City of Hermantown extend the current water line to the sites with contaminated wells. In addition to doing that, however, Curtis Oil also tried to get the water line extended further (to another one of their properties maybe a mile up the road) and if I remember correctly, property owners on both sides of the road would be assessed for the cost. The end result is that the motion did not pass, and according to Jack Curtis it was due to the push for the extension. They plan to re-try (without including the extension) in 2012 and Jack Curtis is confident that it will pass as all of the property owners south of the contaminated sites were in favor of the water line.

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**From:** Eddy, Andrew (MPCA) [<mailto:andrew.eddy@state.mn.us>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2011 10:10 AM

**To:** Laura Novitzki

**Subject:** Leak 3534

Hi Laura,

Last time we spoke you mentioned a public hearing that would happen in February or March, and that the DCAD would or could be more complete after this hearing. Has anything changed with the plans for well replacement? I'd like to get the ball rolling as soon as possible so please let me know where things are at.

Thanks,

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