

# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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November 7, 1996

Mr. Ted Foster  
GTE North Inc.  
1312 East Empire Street  
Bloomington, Illinois 61701

RE: Request For Additional Work  
Site: GTE North, 150 South Second Street, Hallock, Minnesota  
Site ID#: LEAK00008767

Dear Mr. Foster:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Tanks and Emergency Response Section staff has reviewed the report titled, "Remedial Investigation Report Form", dated August 1996. Based upon the information provided in the report, it has been determined that additional work is required at the above-referenced property.

A subsurface investigation is necessary to determine the vertical and horizontal extent of the contamination plume at this site. Definition of the plume is a requirement of all investigations. Definition must be achieved before the investigation can be closed. This is especially important at sites such as this where we will likely be leaving contamination in place. Knowing where contamination remains will allow for wise and safe future land development and help ensure that petroleum vapors do not become a problem in the future for neighboring structures and utilities.

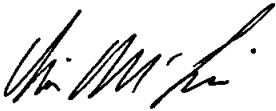
Although overhead power lines might make it not feasible to use a large drill rig to advance borings other methods should be more successful. Suggestions include use of push probes (such as "Geoprobes") together with tying off of the power lines. It might even be possible to advance hand auger borings to gather the needed information.

The MPCA staff request that the work be completed within six months of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline in a timely manner may result in reductions in Petrofund reimbursement or lead to MPCA enforcement actions.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 612/297-8580 or staff hydrogeologist Stephen Thompson, at 612/297-8603. If you are calling long distance, you may reach the MPCA by calling 1-800-657-3864.

Sincerely,



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Cleanup Unit 1  
Tanks and Emergency Response Section

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cc: Elizabeth Rachman, Aires Environmental