

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

520 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Telephone (612) 296-6300



August 21, 1990

Mr. Bob Dittmer
Dittmer Oil Company
Highways 4 & 19
Fairfax, Minnesota 55332

Dear Mr. Dittmer:

RE: Corrective Action Approval
Site: Dittmer Oil Company, Fairfax
Site ID#: LEAK00001940

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has received your report dated March 28, 1990, outlining the corrective action taken in response to the petroleum tank release(s) at the above-referenced site. We understand that the following steps have been completed:

1. On October 19, 1989, a leaking pipe union was discovered at Dittmer Oil. Dittmer Oil personnel estimate that approximately 2300 gallons of gasoline was lost. Some free product was pumped from the tank vault immediately after discovery.
2. The impacted soils were excavated, three tanks were removed, then free product was pumped out of the excavation (this was possible because the backfill was sand, and the native soil is clay). Two of the tanks were re-installed, and one tank was replaced. During excavation, petroleum impacted soil from older releases was discovered. Because it was possible to separate the new release from the older releases, the new release was addressed separately from the old releases.
3. Most of the impacted soil from the new release was removed. A total of 300 cubic yards was excavated and land applied on a farm belonging to Tom Palmer located just to the north of Dittmer Oil.

The following work remains to be completed:

1. The land applied soils shall be sampled quarterly until petroleum concentrations reach 10 parts per million total petroleum hydrocarbons.
2. The older petroleum releases will be dealt with as a separate leaksite.

It appears, based on available information, that the work already performed, along with completion of the work discussed above, will adequately address the site. We therefore do not expect any additional cleanup enforcement action by the MPCA will be necessary. However, if subsequently obtained information indicates that the release has not been fully addressed the MPCA may require additional work or changes in the ongoing work.

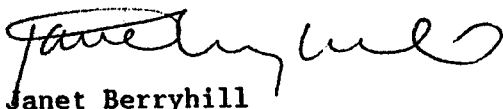
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In approving the completion of the corrective action, the MPCA does not assume any liability for the design or implementation of this remedy. You remain solely responsible for ensuring that this action results in a successful cleanup and that it does not result in any harm to public health or the environment.

Please notify me when you schedule field work to investigate the previous releases at your station.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 612/643-3427.

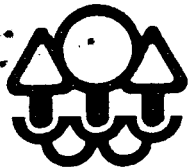
Sincerely,



Janet Berryhill
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Tanks and Spills Section
Hazardous Waste Division

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Robin Hanson, Department of Commerce



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