



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

March 17, 1995

CASAPP

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

RE: Petroleum Storage Tank Release Investigation and Corrective Action
Site: Dittmer Oil Company, Fairfax
Site ID#: LEAK00001940

Dear Mr. Dittmer:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has reviewed your recent Remedial Investigation Progress Report dated November 4, 1994. We agree with the conclusions of the report that leakage might be occurring along the casing of the Co-op well and also agree with the report's recommendations for corrective actions at this site. Please proceed in accordance with the following recommendations:

1. Abandon the existing Co-op well in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health guidelines.
2. Provide for alternate water supply to the Co-op. Connecting the Co-op to the nearby municipal water supply appears to provide the best chance for avoiding similar problems in the future.
3. One round of sampling of the Bremmel residence well for volatile organic compounds.
4. Semi-annual monitoring is required. Monitoring should include:
 - a) measurement of water level in all monitoring wells;
 - b) analysis of water samples from monitoring wells MW-2, MW-4, MW-5, MW-7, MW-8, and MW-9 for benzene, ethyl benzene, toluene, xylene, and total petroleum hydrocarbons.

The purpose of the monitoring is to ensure that the contamination plume has reached equilibrium and has stopped expanding in extent. Results of the monitoring should be submitted to the MPCA using MPCA Fact Sheet 7, "Site Monitoring Report Worksheet" dated April 1993. An annual progress report should be prepared and submitted in accordance with Section IV, Annual Progress Reports of MPCA Fact Sheet 3 "Petroleum Tank Release Report" dated April 1993. Monitoring should continue for two years after which time the frequency and need for additional monitoring or work will be evaluated. Failure to comply with this requirement in a timely manner may result in reductions in Petrofund reimbursement or lead to MPCA enforcement actions.

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If there are further questions about ground water at the site, please contact staff hydrogeologist, Stephen Thompson, at 612/297-8603. For other questions please contact me at 612/297-8611.

Sincerely,



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