



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

October 28, 1997

Mr. Robert Dittmer
Dittmer Oil Company
600 East Lincoln Avenue
Fairfax, Minnesota 55332

RE: Petroleum Tank Release Site File Closure
Site: Dittmer Oil, Highways 4 and 19, Fairfax
Site ID#: LEAK00001940

Dear Mr. Dittmer:

We are pleased to let you know that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Tanks and Emergency Response Section (TERS) staff has determined that your investigation and/or cleanup has adequately addressed the petroleum tank release at the site listed above. Based on the information provided, the TERS staff has closed the release site file.

Closure of the file means that the TERS staff does not require any additional investigation and/or cleanup work at this time or in the foreseeable future. Please be aware that file closure does not necessarily mean that all petroleum contamination has been removed from this site. However, the TERS staff has concluded that any remaining contamination, if present, does not appear to pose a threat to public health or the environment.

The MPCA reserves the right to reopen this file and to require additional investigation and/or cleanup work if new information or changing regulatory requirements make additional work necessary. If you or other parties discover additional contamination (either petroleum or nonpetroleum) that was not previously reported to the MPCA, Minnesota law requires that the MPCA be immediately notified.

You should understand that this letter does not release any party from liability for the petroleum contamination under Minn. Stat. ch. 115C (1996) or any other applicable state or federal law. In addition, this letter does not release any party from liability for nonpetroleum contamination, if present, under Minn. Stat. ch. 115B (1994), the Minnesota Superfund Law.

The monitoring wells for this site should be abandoned in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health Well Code, Chapter 4725. If you choose to keep the monitoring wells, the Minnesota Department of Health will continue to assess a maintenance fee for each well.

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Because you performed the requested work, the state may reimburse you for a major portion of your costs. The Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act establishes a fund which may provide partial reimbursement for petroleum tank release cleanup costs. This fund is administered by the Department of Commerce Petro Board. Specific eligibility rules are available from the Petro Board at 612/297-1119 or 612/297-4203.

If future development of this property or the surrounding area is planned, it should be assumed that petroleum contamination may still be present. If petroleum contamination is encountered during future development work, the MPCA staff should be notified immediately.

For specific information regarding petroleum contamination that may remain at this leak site, please call the TERS File Request Program at 612/297-8499. The "Leak/Spill and Underground Storage Tank File Request Form" (TERS Fact Sheet #3.35) must be completed prior to arranging a time for file review.

Thank you for your response to this petroleum tank release and for your cooperation with the MPCA to protect public health and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 612/297-8611 or the site hydrogeologist, Stephen Thompson, at 612/297-8603.

Sincerely,



Mark Koplitz
Project Manager
Cleanup Unit I
Tanks and Emergency Response Section



For Stephen Thompson
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