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LETTER DESCRIBING PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NWS EARLE DISCUSSING OVERLAP OF TWO
CASE NUMBERS FROM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM DISCHARGES NWS
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State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection & Energy
Division of Responsible Party Site & Remediation
CN028
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0028
Attn: Joseph Miller, Section Chief

RE: NJDEPE LETTER OF 4 AUG 92; UST #0151003,
CASE #90-09-10-1044

A phone conversation on 14 August 92 between Joe Miller of the NJDEPE and John Pawlus of the Environmental Division at NWS Earle involved an overlap of two case numbers from underground storage tank system discharges. The following is a description of the events as discussed.

On 26 August 1990, Erwin-Jurkewitz Corporation initiated work to install a vapor recovery system at the Mainside and Waterfront gas stations. During the excavation at both gas stations, Ed Bellevance of E-J Corp. observed that the soil was contaminated with gasoline. The leak was, as determined by E-J Corp., from the product pipelines. E-J Corp. repaired the product pipelines, excavated 380 cubic feet of soil from both sites, conducted soil sampling and backfilled the sites following the installation of the vapor recovery system. On 10 September 1990, Ed Bellevance reported the discharge which occurred at both gas stations to NJDEPE Operator #18. This discharge event is referred to as Case #90-09-10-1044.

On 14 May 91, Kaselaan and DeAngelo, Inc. performed precision line tests on the product pipelines at the two gas stations. An unleaded and a diesel product pipeline at the Mainside gas station did not pass the test. These lines were immediately shut down for repairs. The results of the failed test were reported to the NJDEPE and this discharge event is referred to as Case #91-5-15-0941-14. The product pipelines at the Waterfront gas station passed the precision test. For further information on the discharge event from the leaking product lines at the Mainside gas station, please review the DICAR for Case #91-5-15-0941-14 which was submitted to your office on 14 July 1992.



Case #90-09-10-1044 would have been sufficient to cover the discharge events at both gas stations. However, due to a contractor oversight, a second case number (91-5-15-0941-14) was assigned to the same discharge event which already occurred on 10 September 90 at the Mainside gas station.

Next month, September 92, NWS Earle is contracting work for the upgrade of the Mainside and Waterfront underground storage tank systems. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 92. As approved by your office in the 14 August phone conversation, the site assessment and sampling portions of the second DICAR for Case #90-09-10-1044 at the Waterfront gas station will occur as construction is in progress. A final disposition of the second DICAR shall be forwarded to your office in February 1993.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact John Pawlus, Environmental Engineer, at (908) 577-2516.

Sincerely,

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By direction