The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Water Pollution Control

Eastern Regional Office

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John Whitney
Whitney Barrel
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Dear Sir:

On Tuesday June 26, 1979 personnel from the Division of Water Pollution Control investigated a pollution complaint with regard to your barrel operation and storage. The conditions found at your property were unsatisfactorily and present potential sources of pollution.

These conditions include areas where oil and various chemicals have either leaked or spilled on the ground from the tanks and barrels that you are storing on your property. Also, the area at the rear of the building where the wash water, grease etc. are spilling from the wash basin should be cleaned up. This spillage presently flows into a catch basin and it has yet to be determined if this flow goes to a sanitary sewer or to the Aberjona River.

It is necessary for the Division to require that the following actions be taken by your firm.

1) Any areas where there is spillage or leakage of drums must be cleaned up.

2) Any drums that are picked up by your firm should be completely empty before being taken away.

3) Any drums which contain any waste chemicals that are presently stored on your property should be removed by a Massachusetts Licensed Hazardous Waste Collector.

4) The spillage from the wash tank which is located on the platform at the rear of your building should be contained in an acceptable manner.

5) The catchbasin on your property should be cleaned out and care should be taken to prevent any contaminated runoff from entering the catch basin.

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If you have any questions please contact either myself or Dan Bourque at 727-6373.

Very truly yours,

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Eastern Regional Engineer

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