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May 4, 1979

Gloria A. Fry, Esquire
Division of Water Pollution Control
110 Tremont Street
Boston, MA

*By West
Woburn*

Re: Great Lakes Container Corp., Inc. and
J.C. Whitney Barrel Co.

Dear Gloria:

We are about to file suit against the Great Lakes Container Corp., Inc. of Malden, doing business as the Kingston Steel Barrel Co., and the J.C. Whitney Barrel Co. for violation of G.L. c. 21, §42 by the indirect discharge of pollutants into waters of the Commonwealth. The discharge took place on December 13, 1978 when a Great Lakes employee emptied a portion of the contents of a tank truck filled with the residue from recycled 50-gallon drums into an M.D.C. storm sewer. The sewer is located under the Whitney property on Salem Street in Woburn.

The incident was observed by an M.D.C. policeman, acting on an anonymous tip, who took the driver into custody. Lab tests of a sample revealed the presence of tetrachloroethylene, 1, 1, 1-trichloroethane, toluene and trichloroethylene.

Great Lakes has already agreed to plead to a criminal action, sign an Agreement for Judgment and pay a total of \$20,000 in penalties. Whitney has not attempted to settle and we intend to file a civil complaint. I would like authorization to file both suits in the name of the Division.

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Very truly yours,

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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

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