

August 28, 1997

Mr. Christopher Mocciae
Water Management Bureau
CT DEP, 2nd Floor
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Mr. Mocciae:

This is to inform you, in writing, of the incident which was reported to CT DEP on August 28, 1997 at the Stratford Army Engine Plant in Stratford, CT.

On August 27, 1997 while excavating the soil around a broken stream condensate return line (which we had reported to CT DEP earlier) the excavating contractor, Clean Harbors, damaged two lines. One was another section of the same condensate return line and the other was the wastewater line to the chemical waste treatment plant. The valve on the line was closed to stop flow.

The soil in the excavation area had been sampled and the analysis shown to be as follows (copy lab report attached):

Chromium	N.D. <.01 mg/l	Zinc	N.D. <.07 mg/l
Nickel	N.D. <.01 mg/l		

The wastewater sample analysis report showed the water leaking to have analysis as follows (copy lab report attached):

Chromium (+6)	0.02 mg/l	Zinc	0.34 mg/l
Chromium (T)	0.05 mg/l	TSS	40.6 mg/l
Nickel	0.10 mg/l	pH	7.2
Cadmium	N.D. <.01 mg/l	CN (Tot)	N.D. <.05 mg/l
Copper	0.14 mg/l	Iron	16.7 mg/l

After the flow was stopped, the soil in the area of the liquid release was excavated and contained in a lined rolloff container awaiting the water analysis. The incident was then reported.

The oil abatement plant was in operation all during this event to meet all NPDES parameters and the chemical waste treatment plant was operational.

Sincerely,

John Fleming

cc: Richard Mason, CT DEP
Peter Szymanski, TACOM