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NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO File Through David Henderson

FROM Dennis Faherty *DF*

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SUBJECT Myers Property, Franklin Township

The purpose of this inspection is to provide an opportunity for representatives from the NJDEP-Office of Cancer & Toxic Science Research and the Bureau of Groundwater Management to evaluate the site.

At 08:00 hours, Dennis Faherty, NJDEP-DHM, arrived at the Pittstown Inn parking lot, the prearranged rendezvous location. At 08:30 hours, Mr. Tod Woerner, Hunterdon County Health Department, arrived at the parking lot. Mr. Woerner was given a copy of the S. Borgianini inspection report, which contains a summary of the analytical results of the samples of waste taken on January 26, 1982. He was also given a copy of the draft Scope of Work for the cleanup.

At 08:45 hours, Bill Althoff, NJDEP-DWR, arrived at the parking lot. Mr. Althoff, was shown the analytical results of the waste material. We reviewed the location of the site on a topographic map.

At 09:05 hours, three representatives from the NJDEP-Office of Cancer & Toxic Science Research, arrived at the parking lot. The three men were Randy England, Bob Muchler, and Hank Garie.

We then proceeded in two vehicles to the Myers property. When we arrived at the site, I pointed out the two buildings in which the solid waste material is located and the spring that surfaces behind building #1. At this point, the representatives began to walk to the rear property, between the buildings and Cakepoulin Creek, making field observations.

At approximately 09:20 hours, Mr. Neal Myers walked down to the rear property and was briefed on the inspection participants present. Mr. Myers questioned why additional inspections and samples were necessary, and stated that he is beginning to get impatient with the progress towards cleaning up the site.

I explained to Mr. Myers that the new NJDEP policy concerning cleanups requires the recommendations of the various offices.

Mr. Myers informed the NJDEP and County Health Department representatives of the condition of the site when he purchased the property in 1970. In brief, several above ground steel tanks were sold for scrap, two or three structures were demolished and disposed at the local landfill. The large blue building #1 had contained various chemicals and equipment left over from one of the companies that had occupied the site. The only materials left on the site now, that can be described as chemical waste, are the materials which were sampled by the NJDEP-DHM.

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Bill Althoff questioned Mr. Myers about the existing wells on site. Mr. Myers explained that there were two wells, a shallow well inside building #1 which had a hand pump attached, and a seventy-foot industrial well which is currently being used as the Myers' potable well. Mr. Myers showed us the shallow well. Mr. Myers described that during the previous cleanup work at the site, bottles of yellow phosphorous were thrown into a dumpster. When the bottles broke open, a fire occurred in the dumpster. The other chemicals have since been removed from the site, including various acids, formaldehyde, some type of green crystalline roach powder, and graphite. Bill Althoff and Tod Woerner were shown the existing waste material.

The representatives from the NJDEP-OCTSR began preparing the necessary equipment to sample the spring water. They were also going to sample the family's potable well. Mr. Myers had informed us that the potable water sample taken by the USEPA in 1980 was run for a complete priority pollutant scan and was given a clean bill of health. A copy of the January 26, 1982 inspection report with a summary of the analytical results of the waste was given to Mr. Myers. Mr. Myers requests that he be notified well in advance of any cleanup operation, to have time to clear building #2 of cars, junk etc. which would be in the way.

At 10:30 hours, Tod Woerner, Bill Althoff and D. Faherty secured from the site. The OCTSR representatives remained on scene to do the sampling.

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CONCLUSION

Although various chemicals had been present on the site during the period when facilities were operating, the only solid waste materials left at this time are the materials which were sampled on January 26, 1982.

The OCTSR have secured samples of the springwater and the potable well water. The analytical results will not be available for a few months.

Mr. Althoff's recommendations will be forwarded to Anthony Farro.

RECOMMENDATION

I feel the NJDEP-Bureau of Abandoned Sites Management should schedule the clean-up of the Myers Property site in two phases. The first phase would be the removal of the solid waste material, and second phase should be the investigation of the groundwater. We should begin the process of getting contractors to solicit bids for the removal/disposal of the waste material, while the spring and potable water samples are being analysed.

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