

Violation & Elimination - Q Petroleum Inc., 101 Riverside Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey
February 12, 1971

(J. McLaughlin)

The Barge Morania # 140, while making delivery to this company, hit a bulkhead causing a leak in a compartment. An estimated 8000 gallons of #2 fuel oil flowed into the Passaic River.

Costal Service Co., of Elizabeth, New Jersey was called to salvage oil and they worked under the supervision of the Coast Guard. The remaining oil in the damaged compartment was pumped into another compartment.

Clean up operations were completed Saturday, February 13, at 4:00 P.M. Inspection on February 16, at 9:30 A.M. by River Inspector, J. McLaughlin indicated a very slight oil film still remained.

Violation & Elimination - Radel Leather Mfg. Co., 445 Wilson
Avenue, Newark, New Jersey
September 30, 1971

(J. McLaughlin)

Supervisor L. Cuccinello observed polluting material coming from this company to a storm sewer at Hyatt Street and sent Inspector J. McLaughlin to investigate. Investigation revealed that an employee had accidentally removed a plug from a brine tank allowing brine and sludge to flow onto the yard area and into Hyatt Street.

The entire area was flushed down immediately with a fire hose and liquid flowed to catch basin in Hyatt Street, 500 ft., from their driveway. Area was cleaned by 1:00 P.M. same day.

Violation & Elimination - Red Star Express Co., Auburn, New York
November 13, 1971

(T. Costello)

On Saturday, November 13, 1971, at 2:15 A.M. a Red Star Express gasoline truck collided with a Rite Way Rental truck at the Airmont Avenue intersection of Route No. 17 in Ramsey, N.J. The Rite Way Rental truck had been going northbound on Route No. 17 and had stopped for light at said intersection. The side of the Gasoline truck was ruptured and approximately 2,900 gallons of gasoline was spilled onto the road and was flushed into nearby Ramsey Brook flowing west to Garrison's Pond also known as Napolitano's Pond.

Violation & Elimination - Rheingold Breweries, Inc., 119 Hill
Street, Orange, New Jersey
March 5, 1971

FGH000002 (J. Brady)

On March 5, 1971, oil in Second River was noticed by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners' sampling crew and Inspector, J. Brady was assigned to check this pollution. He traced the oil to the Rheingold Breweries where he was told by an operating engineer that at 11:00 A.M. an oil line broke and approximately 50 gallons of #6 Fuel Oil was lost into the floor drains which went to the Washington Street Storm Sewer. The pipe was immediately repaired but the damage had been done.

violation and Elimination - City of Paterson (con't.)

Inspector Tateo contacted Superintendent Cuccinello (PVSC) and together, after studying the situation, decided that the problem was elsewhere. They contacted Mr. R. Hollerback of the Paterson Sewer Department and requested help of his department to trace the source by lifting manholes along the line until they came to the trouble spot. Mr. Hollerback was very cooperative and they proceeded manhole by manhole until they came to the corner of Sherwood and Chamberlain Avenue, where a blockage was found which caused a back-up and overflow into the storm sewer.

The blockage was removed and the sewage level returned to normal, thus halting the pollution.

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Violation and Elimination - Q Petroleum Company, 101 Riverside Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07104
February 7 - December 12, 1975 (J. McLaughlin)

On February 7, 1975, Inspector McLaughlin noticed that fuel oil spillage from this terminal reaches a catch basin on Riverside Avenue during rainfalls. The catch basin is connected to the Delavan Avenue storm sewer, thus the oily run-off pollutes the Passaic River through this storm sewer.

Inspector McLaughlin contacted Mr. A. Caruso, Manager of the terminal, and showed him the oily film going to the catch basin which he admitted was the result of spillage from the loading rack. Mr. Caruso informed Mr. McLaughlin that he would report back to him in a week as to possible ways to eliminate the violation.

On February 21, Inspector McLaughlin reported that Q Petroleum had hired Pollution Abatement Consultants of Glen Rock for the purpose of designing an oil separator system. Mr. Caruso also told the inspector that USEPA had notified Q Petroleum that they must begin construction of an oil separator by July 1, 1975.

On March 10, 1975, Mr. Lubetkin wrote to Q Petroleum, confirming Mr. McLaughlin's verbal directive to halt the oil pollution and requested a time schedule indicating when the work would be done.

On March 14, Mr. W. Quattrocchi, Jr., President of Q Petroleum, replied informing PVSC that they plan a major facility improvement as required by the various Federal, State, and local regulations. He stated that they anticipated receiving bids from contractors within the next 30 to 60 days and actual work should start no later than July 1, 1975, and asked PVSC indulgence as the work was quite extensive.

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violation and Elimination - Q Petroleum Co. (con't.)

Mr. A. Caruso, Manager, informed Inspector McLaughlin on April 14, 1975, that Pollution Abatement Consultants had applied to the City of Newark for building permits for construction of treatment facilities. He also told the inspector that they anticipated receiving bids during the month of May, 1975; meanwhile, housekeeping had been improved.

On June 16, 1975, the NJDEP (Mr. T. Harding) wrote to Q Petroleum, approving their plans for the storm water treatment with certain provisos, among which was that final plans and specifications be prepared and submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with regulations.

Since the USEPA July 1 deadline had passed and no construction had started, on July 18, 1975 Supervisor F. D'Ascensio wrote to Q Petroleum outlining what had occurred to date, and directed they respond informing the PVSC when construction would begin.

In a reply dated July 29, 1975, Mr. Quattrocchi, Jr. explained the delay and stated that within ten days they would begin installation of the 8,000 gallon fiberglass tank used in conjunction with the oil and water containment.

On August 12, Mr. Quattrocchi wrote to Mr. D'Ascensio stating that Q Petroleum had awarded a contract to Joseph M. Mercadante. However, on August 13, Mr. T. Harding of the NJDEP wrote to Mr. Quattrocchi informing him that he had not as yet submitted final plans and specifications, and warning him not to begin construction prior to receiving final approval by NJDEP.

On September 12, Inspector McLaughlin reported that Q Petroleum had already started construction. Since PVSC had received no confirmation of final approval, Mr. D'Ascensio called Q Petroleum on September 16 and spoke to Mr. A. Caruso, Manager, who stated that Q Petroleum had received verbal approval from NJDEP.

Construction was delayed due to heavy rains, but was finally completed on October 18. On October 28, Mr. Richard E. Bellis, Assistant Director of the NJDEP, wrote to the USEPA stating that the State of New Jersey intended to certify the discharge.

Observations were made by PVSC personnel during the first two weeks of December and there was no evidence of pollution. This violation was therefore eliminated as of December 12, 1975.

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*** FOIA INCIDENT REPORT 85842 ***
FOIA#: 93-1015

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

Report taken by DJM1024 on August 28, 1991 at 02:44.
Incident Type: HIGHWAY
Incident Cause: UNKNOWN Affected Medium: WATER
Affected Area: STORM SEWER>PASSAIC RIVER
The incident occurred on 28-AUG-91 at 02:25 local time.

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

TANK TRUCK/UNKNOWN.

INCIDENT LOCATION

101 RIVERSIDE AVE
NEWARK, NJ 07104 County: ESSEX

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: OTW OIL, FUEL: NO. 2
Qty Released: 150.00 GAL Qty in Water: .00 UNK

DAMAGE

Injuries: 0 Fatalities: 0 Evacuations: 0 Damages: 0

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

SORBENTS USED TO CONTAIN

REPORTING PARTY

Job Title: OPERATIONS MANAGER
Organization: Q PETROLEUM INC
Address: 101 RIVERSIDE AVE
NEWARK, NJ 07104
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
Q PETROLEUM INC called for the responsible party.

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SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Job Title: OPERATIONS MANAGER
Organization: Q PETROLEUM INC
Address: 101 RIVERSIDE AVE
NEWARK, NJ 07104
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

Agency: COTP NEW YORK

Date: 28-AUG-91 Time: 03:04

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SHEEN SIZE UNKNOWN
WILL NOTIFY DEP

*** END FOIA INCIDENT REPORT 85842 ***

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STREAM CONTAMINATION REPORT + ELIMINATION

District No. 9 Date: JUNE 9, 1976 Time: 3:00 PM

Weather: CLEAR

Company Name: ACTIVE OIL SERVICE

Address: 101-02 RIVERSIDE AVE NEWARK, N.J.

Name & Title of Person Contacted: MR GEORGE F. ROHDE PRES.

Telephone: 438 0440

Nature of Business: PUMPING SERVICE - SLUDGE REMOVAL

No. of Outlets: 1

Method of Waste Disposal: Sanitary Sewer ☒ Combined Sewer ☐

Storm Sewer, River or Ditch ☐

If NPDES Permit is Required: Draft Permit ☐ Final Permit ☐

Violation: OIL SPILL INTO CATCH BASIN AT
RIVERSIDE AVE NEWARK

1. Color

2. Odor

3. Turbidity

4. Estimated Flow (G.P.M.)

5. Collection on Banks

6. Surface Scum, Foam or Oil

7. Approximate Distance Extending into Stream or River; Width Upstream of
Downstream

8. pH Reaction with Test Paper Sample Taken NONE

9. Why Sample Not Taken

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(Complete narrative on reverse side)

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On June 9, 1976 at 3:00 P.M. I was informed by Walter Roe about a complaint from an unknown citizen, that someone was dumping oil from a 4" hose into a storm drain that discharges into the Passaic River at Riverside Ave, Newark.

At 3:20 P.M. I proceeded up Riverside Ave, Newark and arrived at the Active Oil Co, 100 Riverside Ave, Newark. I found a spillage of oil on the street and in the catch basin, located in front of the Active Oil Co. Workmen were in the process of cleaning up.

I met with Mr. George F. Rohde, President of this Company and he informed me that they were in construction progress and had installed three 30,000 gal. tanks which are to be used for reposed oil. These new tanks contained water which was pumped into the catch basin. In this process a workman mistakenly hooked up the 4" hose to an Active Oil tank truck, causing it to discharge #6 Crude oil into the catch basin. In my observation, I believe this to be true because I saw a new 1976 Cadillac, owned by Mr Rohde, covered with oil from this mishap.

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Supervisor Cuccinello and Inspector Colella arrived at the scene at 4:00 P.M. and pictures were taken. We then proceeded across the street to the Smith's Boat Yard, 101-102 Riverside Ave, Newark. We met with Mr Lloyd Smith, owner and Mr. Robert Lyons, whose boat was docked at this boat yard.

We observed oil discharging from a 48" Storm Sewer into the river. It extended up stream approximately 200 yards. The oil had accumulated around Mr. Lyons' boat. I questioned Mr. Smith as to who made the complaint? Mr. Lyons said that he had done so. I left a card with Mr. Smith and informed him to call us any time of the day, if he observed a polluting materials discharging from this Storm Sewer.

We then returned to the Active Oil Co. we had placed speedy dry on the street area, as had pumped out the remaining oil from the catch basin. By 6:00 P.M. the catch basin and area around it was cleaned and free of oil.

On June 10, 1976 at 12:00 P.M. I returned to the Active Oil Co. and again met with Mr. Rohde. My inspection found the area clean with no visible signs of oil. I asked Mr. Rohde if he contacted the E.P.A. or Coast Guard informing them of this violation? He said he didn't but would do so immediately. They are in the construction stages and at this point have storm drain connections, but are anticipating placing yard drains.

I also informed Mr. Rohde that in the future, he should not do any pumping into the catch Basin without notifying us, so that we may sample same to be sure that the material is non-polluting.

Frank J. Cypso

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July 18, 1975

William R. Quattrocchi Jr.
President
Q Petroleum Inc.
101 Riverside Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

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Dear Mr. Quattrocchi:

The purpose of this letter is to review the efforts of Q Petroleum to eliminate the oil pollution of the Passaic River and to explain some additional requirements that may be applicable to your facility.

On February 18, 1975, Mr. Caruso told River Inspector Mr. McLaughlin of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency directive to begin construction on July 1, 1975 to eliminate oil pollution of the Passaic River. On March 10, Mr. Lubetkin directed Q Petroleum to halt the pollution of the Passaic River. Mr. Quattrocchi replied on March 14, stating that the Pollution Abatement Consultants had been retained in connection with the planned improvement of the facility. On March 24, Mr. Caruso told Inspector McLaughlin that construction was expected to begin July 1. On April 30, Mr. Caruso reported two bids for construction had been received and two more were expected.

On June 16, Mr. Harding of the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, found the Q Petroleum proposal to be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the N.J.D.E.P. On June 17, Mr. Rathmell, of Pollution Abatement Consultants, wrote to Mr. Lubetkin asking whether purified storm runoff should be discharged to the sanitary sewer or to the storm sewer. Mr. Lubetkin replied on June 27, that clean water should be discharged to the storm sewer. Mr. Caruso reported to Inspector McLaughlin on July 2, that Q Petroleum expected to finalize details for

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construction by July 7. However, as of July 11, Inspector McLaughlin reported that this had not been done.

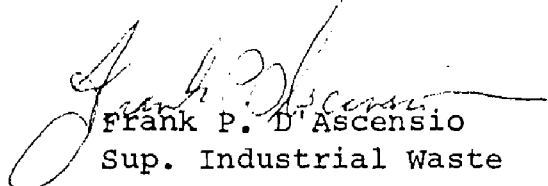
The Commissioners are aware of delays normally attendant in planning and executing pollution abatement facilities. Inasmuch as the U.S.E.P.A. imposed, July 1 deadline for beginning construction has already passed, a date which Q Petroleum stated it would meet as late as March 24, the Commissioners wish to know when construction actually will begin. It is essential that this matter be given the proper priority and this pollution be eliminated as quickly as possible.

In a related matter, it will be necessary to check the Federal Register, Title 40, Part 112, (FR Vol 38 No 237 of December 11, 1973, pages 34164-70) concerning oil pollution prevention. Contact the Public Affairs Division of USEPA at 212-264-2515 for information on securing copies of this reference.

If the P.V.S.C. can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS


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