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Supt. Cupo received a phone call from Mr. Joseph Marino, Inspector Board of Health Town of Belleville, N.J. in regard to Flexon Corp. 666 Washington St., Belleville, N.J. dumning oil into, a catch basin. Ass't Sunt. Cuccinello and myself went to investigate. We toured the plant grounds and found evidence of a large pool of oil at the yard catch basin. We contacted Mr. Sol Graf, Vice Pres. of the Plant, and showed him what we discovered. He was concerned and did not know what caused this. We told him to clean up this area and also the catch basin. He stated he would have his people do this immediately. We visited the area the next day and found that they had cleaned up the area with speedy dry and Mr. Graf informed us that his investigation found that an employee dumped a drum of cutting oil by accident. He stated he reprimanded the employee and hoped that this would not happen again.

We noticed that this Plant has poor housekeeping. The parking lot is loaded with drums of material. The Town of Belleville is in the process of having this plant clean up the area.

Dom DeMarco

River Inspector

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Firm cited for fire violations

By a Herald-News Correspondent BELLEVILLE — A Washington Avenue plastics remanufacturing plant has been cited for fire code violations and given until the end of the month to correct them, according to Capt. Thomas Nisovocia of the fire prevention bureau.

Flexon Corp., 666 Washington Ave., must address interior problems regarding storage of flammables and fire doors and clean up garbage and piles of bundled materials in its yard area, he said.

The firm takes shredded plastic strippings and remanufactures them into whole rolls of material, he said. The firm had similar problems in April but cleaned them up, he added.

"THEY HAVE a problem of basically not having a large enough building area for all the work they get, but that is their problem not ours," said Nisovocia. "The outside area is a real mess."

The firm was cited for the violations on June 3 and was subject to citizen complaints at the June 6 board of commissioners meeting.

The captain also said that many barrels stored outside the plant contained oil used in its systems and would normally be stored in a 45,000-gallon tanker which is presently being refitted.

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The Flexon Corp. at 666 Washington Ave. In Belleville has until the end of the month to correct fire code violations.

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NEWARK. N.J. 07105

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May 20, 1977

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners 600 Wilson Avenue Newark, New Jersey

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INTERSTATE SANITATION

Re: Bi-Monthly Report March and April 1977

Gentlemen:

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The following is my report which covers the months of March

and April 1977, and consists of three parts:

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New Jersey Galvanizing and Tinning Works, Inc. (See

Annual Report for 1976, page 40) On March 24, 1977, Mr. G. Blair, Operations Manager, wrote to Mr. Zack, Director of Engineering in Newark, on steps they were taking to control the pH of their discharge. As the former report indicated, the acid discharge apparently caused a collapse of a Newark sewer. He stated that upon investigating the details, the original proposal of batch control was inadequate and asked patience from Newark on the project, since his estimated budget on this problem jumped from \$3,000. to from \$10,000, to \$20,000. The problem still exists.

City of Paterson Debris (See Annual Report for 1976, pg. 43)

The City of Paterson is still waiting for their new crane to be delivered to clear the debris at the foot of East 11th St. They estimate delivery in another month.

There were areas where action prevented pollution from occurring:

<u>City of Clifton</u> on April 20, 1977 cemented an 8-inch connection to a sanitary manhole at Broad Street and Garden State Parkway. Inspector Fiore had noticed this when inspecting a drainage ditch in that area. The opening could have allowed a pollution of Pershing Brook.

Flexon Industries Corp. of Belleville cleaned up a large pool of oil at the yard catch basins. Mr. Marino, Inspector of the Town of Belleville, had informed PVSC of the potentially polluting situation, and on April 5, 1977 Sup't. Cuccinello with Inspector DeMarco, after touring the area, directed S. Graf to remove the oil before it was washed into the Passaic River. The general area demonstrated poor housekeeping. Belleville is requiring them to clean the area.

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Violation and Elimination - Flexon Industries Corp., 666 Washington Avenue, Belleville, N. J.

(D. DeMarco)

On April 5, 1977, PVSC received a complaint from Mr. Joseph Marino, Belleville Board of Health Inspector, that Flexon Industries had dumped oil into a storm sewer catch basin. When Sup't. Cuccinello and Inspector DeMarco checked, they saw a large pool of oil at Flexon's yard catch basin. The oil was shown to Mr. Sol Graf, Vice President, and he was directed to clean up the mess.

April 5-6, 1977

On April 6, Sup't. Cuccinello and Inspector DeMarco returned to the plant and observed that the oil had been removed. They were told by Mr. Graf that an employee had accidentally dumped a drum of cutting oil into the catch basin. He reprimanded the employee and hoped that this would not happen again. Although no oil was seen in the river, it can be assumed that at least -a small quantity did find its way there.

Violation and Elimination - City of Garfield - Schroeders Brook

February 10 - March 25, 1977 (J. Parr & J. McLaughlin)

PVSC inspectors routinely sample the tributaries of the Passaic River in order to check for pollutions. A sample taken of Schroeders Brook, at the entrance to Dahnerts Lake, Garfield, on February 10, 1977, was slightly polluting in that it had a high fecal coliform count (2,000/100 ml). When an investigation failed to uncover the source, it was decided to conduct a sampling survey of Schroeders Brock in order to try and localize the problem.

On February 17 the survey indicated that the pollution had entered the brook between President Street and Dahnerts Lake. Inspector Parr began checking storm sewer catch basins in that area for possible overflows, and on February 23 he observed what appeared to be sewage in a catch basin at the corner of Gaston Avenue and Manner Avenue. The evidence indicated that sewage had flowed into it from a nearby manhole. Further investigation revealed an overflow from a second manhole about 60 feet north of the intersection. The sewage from the second manhole appeared to have flowed onto property owned by Three Saints R. O. Church, then 300 feet downhill and into another catch basin (thence Schroeders Brook).

When Inspector Parr spoke to Mr. M. Olejanz, Church Custodian, he was informed that the manhole near the church overflowed frequently, about once a month. Since this was a problem of the municipal sanitary sewer, the inspector notified PVSC Sup't. Cupo and they met with Mr. Violante, Sewer Department Superintendent of Garfield, later in the day. Mr. Violante explained that there was a broken 8-inch sanitary sewer line on McDonald Street which occasionally caused sewage to back up and overflow onto the street. His records showed that this intermittent problem existed from June 5, 1976.

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GENERAL NOTICE LETTER URGENT LEGAL MATTER PROMPT REPLY NECESSARY CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

David Rauch, President Flexon Industries Corp. One Flexon Plaza 366 Frelinghuysen Avenue Newark, NJ 07114

Re: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Notice of Potential Liability for Response Actions in the Lower Passaic River Study Area, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Rauch:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is charged with responding to the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants into the environment and with enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. EPA is seeking your cooperation in an innovative approach to environmental remediation and restoration activities for the Lower Passaic River.

EPA has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants into the six-mile stretch of the river known as the Passaic River Study Area, which is part of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site ("Site") located in Newark, New Jersey. Based on the results of previous CERCLA remedial investigation activities and other environmental studies, including a reconnaissance study of the Passaic River conducted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), EPA has further determined that contaminated sediments and other potential sources of hazardous substances exist along the entire 17-mile tidal reach of the Lower Passaic River. Thus, EPA has decided to expand the area of study to include the entire Lower Passaic River and its tributaries from Dundee Dam to Newark Bay ("Lower Passaic River Study Area").

By this letter, EPA is notifying Flexon Industries Corp. of its potential liability relating to the Site pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Under CERCLA, potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") include current and past owners and operators of a facility, as well as persons who arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous substances at the Site, or the transport of hazardous substances to the Site.

In recognition of our complementary roles, EPA has formed a partnership with USACE and the New Jersey Department of Transportation-Office of Maritime Resources ("OMR") ["the governmental partnership"] to identify and address water quality improvement, remediation, and restoration opportunities in the 17-mile Lower Passaic River Study Area. This governmental partnership is consistent with a national Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") executed on July 2, 2002 between EPA and USACE. This MOU calls for the two agencies to cooperate, where appropriate, on environmental remediation and restoration of degraded urban rivers and related resources. In agreeing to implement the MOU, the EPA and USACE will use their existing statutory and regulatory authorities in a coordinated manner. These authorities for EPA include CERCLA, the Clean Water Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The USACE's authority stems from the Water Resources Development Act ("WRDA"). WRDA allows for the use of some federal funds to pay for a portion of the USACE's approved projects related to ecosystem restoration.

For the first phase of the Lower Passaic River Restoration Project, the governmental partners are proceeding with an integrated five-to-seven-year study to determine an appropriate remediation and restoration plan for the river. The study will involve investigation of environmental impacts and pollution sources, as well as evaluation of alternative actions, leading to recommendations of environmental remediation and restoration activities. The study is being conducted pursuant to CERCLA and WRDA.

Based on information that EPA evaluated during the course of its investigation of the Site, EPA believes that hazardous substances were released from the Flexon Industries Corp. facility located at 666 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, into the Lower Passaic River Study Area. Hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants released from the facility into the river present a risk to the environment and the humans who may ingest contaminated fish and shellfish. Therefore, Flexon Industries Corp. may be potentially liable for response costs which the government may incur relating to the study of the Lower Passaic River. In addition, responsible parties may be required to pay damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, including the cost of assessing such damages.

EPA is aware that the financial ability of some PRPs to contribute toward the payment of response costs at the Site may be substantially limited. If you believe, and can document, that you fall within that category, please inform Sarah Flanagan and William Hyatt in writing at the addresses identified below in this letter. You will be asked to submit financial records including federal income tax returns as well as audited financial statements to substantiate such a claim.

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Please note that, because EPA has a potential claim against you, you must include EPA as a creditor if you file for bankruptcy. You are also requested to preserve and retain any documents now in the possession or control of your Company or its agents that relate in any manner to your facility or the Site or to the liability of any person under CERCLA for response actions or response costs at or in connection with the facility or the Site, regardless of any corporate document retention policy to the contrary.

Enclosed is a list of the other PRPs who have received notices of potential liability. This list represents EPA's findings on the identities of PRPs to date. We are continuing efforts to locate additional PRPs who have released hazardous substances, directly or indirectly, into the Lower Passaic River Study Area. Exclusion from the list does not constitute a final determination by EPA concerning the liability of any party for the release or threat of release of hazardous substances at the Site. Please be advised that notice of your potential liability at the Site may be forwarded to all parties on this list as well as to the Natural Resource Trustees.

We request that you become a "cooperating party" for the Lower Passaic River Restoration Project. As a cooperating party, you, along with many other such parties, will be expected to fund the CERCLA study. Upon completion of the study, it is expected that CERCLA and WRDA processes will be used to identify the required remediation and restoration programs, as well as the assignment of remediation and restoration costs. At this time, the commitments of the cooperating parties will apply only to the study. For those who choose not to cooperate, EPA may apply the CERCLA enforcement process, pursuant to Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a) and § 9607(a) and other laws.

You may become a cooperating party by participating in the Cooperating Parties Group ("Group") that has already formed to fund the CERCLA study portion of the Lower Passaic River Restoration Project.

We strongly encourage you to contact the Group to discuss your participation. You may do so by contacting:

William H. Hyatt, Esq. Common Counsel for the Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP One Newark Center, 10th Floor Newark, New Jersey 07102 (973) 848-4045 whyatt@kl.com

Written notification should be provided to EPA and Mr. Hyatt documenting your intention to join the Group and settle with EPA no later than 30 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The result of any agreement between EPA and your Company as part of the Group will need to

be memorialized in an Administrative Order on Consent. Your written notification to EPA should be mailed to:

Sarah Flanagan, Assistant Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway - 17th Floor New York, New York 10007-1866

Pursuant to CERCLA Section 113(k), EPA must establish an administrative record that contains documents that form the basis of EPA's decision on the selection of a response action for a site. The administrative record file and the Site file are located at EPA's Region 2 Superfund Records Center, at 290 Broadway, New York, NY, on the 18th floor. You may call the Records Center at (212) 637-4308 to make an appointment to view the administrative record and/or the Site file for the Diamond Alkali Site, Passaic River.

As you may be aware, the Superfund Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act became effective on January 11, 2002. This Act contains several exemptions and defenses to CERCLA liability, which we suggest that all parties evaluate. You may obtain a copy of the law via the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/sblrbra.htm and review EPA guidances regarding these exemptions at http://www.epa.gov/compliance/ resources/policies/cleanup/superfund.

EPA has created a number of helpful resources for small businesses. EPA has established the National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse as well as Compliance Assistance Centers which offer various forms of resources to small businesses. You may inquire about these resources at www.epa.gov. In addition, the EPA Small Business Ombudsman may be contacted at www.epa.gov/sbo. Finally, EPA developed a fact sheet about the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, which is enclosed with this letter.

Inquiries by counsel or inquiries of a legal nature should be directed to Ms. Flanagan at (212) 637-3136. Questions of a technical nature should be directed to Elizabeth Butler, Remedial Project Manager, at (212) 637-4396.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Basso, Strategic Integration Manager Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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