# DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### MEMO

FROM F. GAGLIAND THROUGH B. COMFORT DATE 1-17-84

SUBJECT ROMAN ASPHALT DWM 83-06-13-046

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File 87-14-159

### NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### Report of Phone Call

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# W JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT 1259 ROUTE 46 PARSIPPANY, N.J. 07054

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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ID NO DATE
NAME OF FACILITY Roman Asphalt
LOCATION OF FACILITY 14 Ogden St., Newark
LOCATION OF FACILITY 21 O JOSEPH ST.
NAME OF OPERATOR Charles Wasner
You are hereby NOTIFIED that during my inspection of your facility on the above date, the following violation(s) of the Solid Waste Management Act, (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.) and Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:26-1 et seq.) promulgated thereunder and/or the Spill Compensation and Control Act, (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.) and Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:1E-1 et seq.) promulgated thereunder were observed. These violation(s) have been recorded as part of the permanent enforcement history of your facility.
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Investigator, Division of Wasty Management Department of Environmental Protection
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### NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF LIVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO	Spill file .				
FROM	Robert D. Zollner	 DATE	September	19,	1986
SUBJE	CT Roman Asphalt Oil Spill				:

Contacts:

Jack Farley, Suburban Regional Health Officer Mr. Rubin, Manager, Roman Asphalt Charles Wasner, Yard Manager, Roman Asphalt

### Background:

Received incident report #86-08-06-07M. Elia Ruiz (MFO) was assigned to follow up by phone on 8/15/86. Ruiz learned from Health Officer Jack Farley that oil was indeed found pooling in a storm drain and on the roadside (Rt. 21, McCarter Hwy, Newark) as reported. Mr. Farley further stated he suspected the source to be Roman Asphalt. No details of further Health Dept., investigation were noted by Ruiz. Case was assigned to Dave Beeman (MFO) for inspection 9/18/86.

#### Inspection:

Arrived at Savino Asphalt, Ogden Street, Newark approximately 1600 hrs., 9/18/86 with Dave Beeman (MFO). We circled onto Rt. 21 from Ogden street (see Map A and walked about 100 yards north on Rt. 21 southbound lane siding. We found an area about 30' x 10' of saturated and pooling oil like material. The material appeared to have run down the steep bank leading to the area. The bank was black stained and in places appeared shiny as if moist with fresh oil. The area surrounds a road storm drain. By the staining it appeared that oil had definitely run in and around the drain.

We circled back onto Ogden Street where we inspected Savino Asphalt and quickly determined Savino was not the source. The stained bank area was just below the adjacent property, Roman Asphalt.

Arrived Roman Asphalt 1613 hrs., met with Mr. Rubin, operations manager, we requested access for inspection to determine the source of the pooling oil below Roman property. Mr. Rubin suggested we discuss with Charles Wasner, yard manager. Mr. Wasner allowed us free access. We found the southern most end of the lot to be saturated with numerous oil pools. We found two points where the oil was running off Roman's lot, down the bank to the roadside and into the storm drain. The lot was full of heavy paving machinery. A few drums were also noted in and amongst the machinery. The source of the oil may have been leaking drums (damaged by heavy machinery.)

I issued an NOV for hazardous substance discharge (NJSA 58:10-23.11(c)) and non-notification (e). The NOV required complete clean up by 9/26/86.

### Conclusion:

Roman Asphalt is the source and responsible party for the subject hazardous substance discharge. Roman did not report this discharge.

### Recommendations:

Reinspect site on 9/26/86. If cleanup is incomplete, take pictures and samples as necessary to prepare enforcement referral to mandate complete cleanup and penalties.

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You are hereby NOTIFIED that during my inspection of your facility on the above date, the following violation(s) of the Solid Waste Management Act, (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.) and Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:26-1 et seq.) promulgated thereunder and/or the Spill Compensation and Control Act, (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.) and Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:1E-1 et seq.) promulgated thereunder were observed.  These violation(s) have been recorded as part of the permanent enforcement history of your facility.  DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION 57: 10-23.11 (c) Discharge of handons  Substance, Petaleum hydra calban, O. I has can off frogery  Cala embank neat of State Hung 21 South. Contaminated  Sail of bitton of embankment to be removed tembankment  be cleaned at the charged oil. Techny net in compliance
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TO File thru Robert Zollner	
FROM David Beeman	DATE October 8, 1986
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n Asshalt Incident	#86-08-06-07M, File \$07-14-159

### Background:

MEMO

See R. Zollner's memo of 9-19-86

### Findings:

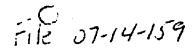
Arrived at area of contamination along Rte 21 at approximately 1245 hrs, 10-6-86. No cleanup has been done here or on the embankment adjacent to Roman asphalt.

I collected a composite sample of soil along the road and on the embank-ment. Six photos were taken.

I drove to the Roman Asphalt facility. The oil pools on the southern end of the property had been cleaned up.

I issued a field NOV (attached) to Mr. Wasner.

DB:jap





## ROMAN ASPHALT CORP.

October 08, 1986

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Waste Management 2 Babcock Pl West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Attention: Mr. David Beeman

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter dated October 06, 1986, we have excavated all contaminated soil and replaced it with clean fill.

Respectfully yours,

Charles Wasner

Director of Operations

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cc: file

ROAD BUILDERS & ENGINEERS

14 OGDEN STREET, NEWARK, N.J. 07104 (201) 482-1113

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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TO:

File through Robert Zollner

12-17-86

FROM:

David Beeman

SUBJECT: Roman Asphalt, Incident #86-08-06-07, File #07-14-159

### BACKGROUND:

See memos of 9-19-86 and 10-8-86

### FINDINGS:

Arrived at site of contamination along Rte 21 at 1330 hrs, 12-17-86. All of the contaminated soil at the bottom of the embankment has been removed. I dug to a depth of approximately 18 inches. There was no visible evidence of oil.

The embankment still has oil stains on it. There was no active run off of oil observed from Roman Asphalt.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

An N.O.V./O.O.S be issued to Roman Asphalt for violations of N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11(c) and (e).

Form DWM-005 2/83

# NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**REGION 2** 290 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

JUN -8 2006

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

Michael J. La Morgese, President Roman Asphalt Corporation 14 Ogden Street Newark, NJ 07104

Re:

Diamond Alkali Superfund Site

Notice of Potential Liability for

Response Actions in the Lower Passaic River Study Area, New Jersey

Dear Mr. La Morgese:

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 Roman Asphalt Corporation 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 Roman Asphalt Corporation facility located at 14 Ogden Street, Newark, 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, Roman Asphalt Corporation 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.

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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 - 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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,

Ray Basso, Strategic Integration Manager Emergency and Remedial Response Division

Enclosures 6-06