

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**by**

**Chief Engineer**

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**to the**

**PASSAIC VALLEY**

**SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS**

**FOR OPERATIONS DURING**

**THE YEAR**

**1974**

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Royce Chemical Company (continued)

Mr. A. J. Royce III, Vice President, replied thanking the PVSC for calling their attention to these matters and stating that, since the storm sewer drain in question is of no use to them, they are making arrangements to block it off to prevent future accidents. He also stated that he had directed his Engineering Department to make immediate application, if necessary, for a N.P.D.E.S. permit.

Violation and Elimination - Sandoz Color and Chemical Com-  
pany, Fair Lawn Avenue and Third Street, Fair Lawn, N. J.  
October 3-4, 1974 (T. Costello)

Inspector Costello observed tiny islands of suds floating in the Passaic River near the Sixth Avenue Bridge in Fair Lawn, at 9:30 A.M. on October 4, 1974. He traced it back to Sandoz and spoke to Mr. M. Friedman, Plant Engineer.

He was informed by Mr. Friedman that at about 4:30 P.M. on October 3, a fiber drum, which was stacked beneath another drum, apparently weakened by recent rains, collapsed and spilled its contents (50 gallons) over the ground. The material was T.F.L. 40, a water solution (20% solids) of an anionic surfactant manufactured by Sandoz.

The maintenance people spread sand over the area, attempting to contain this detergent-like material, and shoveled the residue into drums to be carted away. During the clean-up operation, they estimated a small amount of the T.F.L. 40 managed to seep into a trench, and at 7:00 A.M., October 4, was washed out outlet #4 by water from their water tower into the Passaic River.

All the fiber drums have since been removed from the area and stored in the warehouse where they belonged.

Violation and Elimination - Servometer Corporation, 82  
Industrial East, Clifton, N. J.  
May 16 - June 12, 1974 (F. Wendt)

The PVSC received an anonymous letter which informed them that the above company dumped waste cutting oils and assorted chemicals into the storm sewer of the City of Clifton. Meanwhile, Inspector Wendt had checked this company on May 16 and found steel barrels on the property which were leaking and dripping oil which then went into a yard catch basin, thence to MacDonald's Brook. The inspector contacted the Plant Manager, Mr. Fejes, and showed him the violation. Mr. Fejes immediately had four employees dig a ditch about 25 feet to a 55 gallon steel drum located in the ground into which the oil drippings were received. The inspector reported that this company would be re-locating to Cedar Grove within the next two months.

Servometer Corporation (continued)

When Mr. Lubetkin received this report, he wrote on June 11 to the company that the solution was unsatisfactory as the oil would soak into the ground causing problems for many years. They were also informed that oil pollution was a Federal offense and could subject their company to a fine for each day the pollution continued. They were warned that even though they moved from the area, they would be responsible for the oil pollution, and they were directed to do everything possible to prevent any further oil from discharging into the ground and to remove the oil already deposited in the ground.

On June 17, Mr. M. Holowachuk, President, replied that roughly one week after the above situation was discovered, they had made arrangements with their scrap collector to provide them with a large bin which is an enclosed unit and eliminates all leakage of oil. He also stated that if there are any other requirements PVSC feels are necessary, if we would notify them, they will comply immediately.

Violation and Elimination - Sherwin-Williams Company,  
Lister Avenue, Newark, N. J. 07105  
August 22, 1974

(J. McLaughlin)

Mr. J. Davidson, Plant Manager of Sherwin-Williams, called Inspector McLaughlin at 9:50 A.M. and reported an overflow of latex paint into the Passaic River.

The time was not definitely determined, but sometime between 12 midnight and 5:30 A.M., some unknown person connected a water line to the bottom of a tank car which was partially filled with latex. The water diluted this material, and overflowed the watery latex into the yard and thence to a sump pump which automatically pumped the liquid into the storm drain to the Passaic River. The sump pump normally pumps storm water during rains.

The overflow was first noticed at 5:30 A.M. and the sump pump flow was diverted to 55 gallon drums. A 5 gallon pail was also hung beneath the 10-inch outlet to the river to catch any further polluting drippings.

By the time Inspector McLaughlin arrived, the clean-up operation was complete and there was no further pollution.

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PASSAIC RIVER TRIBUTARIES  
BETWEEN  
THE GREAT FALLS AND  
THE MOUTH AT NEWARK BAY

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>NAME OF TRIBUTARY</u> |  |
|------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1          | Allendale Brook          | Enters Ho-Ho-Kus at Waldwick                     |
| 2          | Allwood Brook            | Enters Nichols Pond at Nutley                    |
| 3          | Bearskin Culvert         | Enters Passaic River at Nutley                   |
| 4          | Beaverdam Brook          | Enters Passaic River at Fair Lawn                |
| 5          | Coalberg Brook           | Enters Saddle River at Saddle Brook              |
| 6          | Dahnerts Brook           | Enters Passaic River at Garfield                 |
| 7          | Dead Horse Creek         | Enters Franks Creek at Kearny                    |
| 8          | Diamond Brook            | Enters Passaic River at Fair Lawn                |
| 9          | Felds Brook              | Enters Saddle River at So. Hackensack            |
| 10         | Fernway Brook            | Enters Sprout Brook at Paramus                   |
| 11         | Fleischers Brook         | Enters Passaic River at Garfield                 |
| 12         | Franklin Turnpike Brook  | Enters Ho-Ho-Kus at Waldwick                     |
| 13         | Franks Creek             | Enters Passaic River at Kearny                   |
| 14         | Goffle Brook             | Enters Passaic River at Hawthorne                |
| 15         | Harrison Creek           | Enters Passaic River at Newark                   |
| 16         | Henderson Brook          | Enters Diamond Brook at Glen Rock                |
| 17         | Ho-Ho-Kus Brook          | Enters Saddle River at Fair Lawn                 |
| 18         | Jordon Brook             | Enters Saddle River at Fair Lawn                 |
| 19         | Lawyer's Ditch           | Enters Passaic River at Newark                   |
| 20         | Lodi Brook               | Enters Saddle River at Lodi                      |
| 21         | MacDonalds Brook         | Enters Hughes Lake & Passaic River<br>at Passaic |
| 22         | Millbank Brook           | Enters Saddle River at Lodi                      |
| 23         | Nichols Brook            | Enters Third River at Nutley                     |
| 24         | Nishuane Brook           | Enters Wigwam Brook at Orange                    |
| 25         | Notch Brook              | Enters Pearl Brook at Clifton                    |
| 26         | Parrow Brook             | Enters Wigwam Brook at Orange                    |
| 27         | Pearl Brook              | Enters Third River at Bloomfield                 |
| 28         | Pehle Brook              | Enters Saddle River at Saddle Brook              |
| 29         | Pershing Brook           | Enters Weasel Brook at Clifton                   |
| 30         | Plogs Brook              | Enters Weasel Brook at Clifton                   |
| 31         | Plum Creek               | Enters Passaic River at Newark                   |
| 32         | Ramsey Brook             | Enters Ho-Ho-Kus Brook at Allendale              |
| 33         | Reidway Brook            | Enters Sprout Brook at Paramus                   |

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**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF THE PASSAIC RIVER  
SHOWING TRIBUTARIES IN THE P.V.S.C. BASIN AREA**

