

# NEW VIOLATION

## STREAM CONTAMINATION REPORT

DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE October 7, 1971

TIME 10-7-7:00 P.M. Partly cloudy  
10-8-11:00 A.M.

WEATHER Clear

COMPANY NAME

Standard Talcum Co.

61 Blanchard St.

ADDRESS

Newark, N.J. 07105

NAME & TITLE OF PERSON CONTACTED

Robert Levy, Partner

NATURE OF BUSINESS

Fab rendering (Talcum)

NO. OF RIVER OUTLETS

None

METHOD OF WASTE DISPOSAL

Sanitary sewer

VIOLATION

Liquid waste flow into catch basin on Blanchard St.

1. COLOR

Dusky greyish (3 samples described on reverse side)

2. ODOR

Foul

3. TURBIDITY

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4. COLLECTION ON RIVER BANKS

None

5. SURFACE SCUM, FOAM OR OIL

Trace of oil

6. APPROXIMATE DISTANCE EXTENDING INTO RIVER WIDTH AND UPSTREAM  
OR DOWNSTREAM —

7. REACTION WITH TEST PAPER

See reverse side

8. SAMPLE

3 samples taken - see reverse side

Remarks:

1<sup>st</sup> Sample Taken 1<sup>00</sup> P.M. from 2" pipe - steam water blow-off. Temp. 180°F+, pH 11.8

2<sup>nd</sup> Sample Taken 1<sup>05</sup> P.M. ~~from~~ of liquid run off on property which flow onto C.R.R.N.J Tracks. Temp. 75°F. pH 10.3

3<sup>rd</sup> Sample Taken 1<sup>30</sup> P.M. of liquid flow along C.R.R. Tracks which enters into catch basin on Blanchard St. Temp. 74°F, pH 7.8

Standard Tallow Co. yard is covered with decayed tallow waste product & oil. Extremely bad housekeeping. Steam water blow-off & other steam leakage flush material over property onto Central Railroad of N.J. tracks and into catch basin on Blanchard St. Central Railroad crew was in process of cleaning & removing deposited material <sup>from track</sup> as to allow train passage.

I brought this entire matter to the attention of Mr. Robert Levy, Partner.

I brought samples to P.U.S.C. laboratory and returned to Standard Tallow with A. Goldberg & E. Rep of P.U.S.C. laboratory to witness this condition.

Respectfully,  
John K. McLaughlin

# Intermittent Violation

## STREAM CONTAMINATION REPORT

DISTRICT NO. 10 10-12-11:15A.M. not violating  
DATE Oct. 12-15, 1971. TIME 10-13-12:15PM " "  
" 10-14-10:25 WEATHER " "  
" 10-15-1:00PM. " "

COMPANY NAME Standard Tallow Co.

61 Blanchard St.

ADDRESS Newark, N.J. 07105

NAME & TITLE OF PERSON CONTACTED Robert Perry, Partner

NATURE OF BUSINESS Fat rendering

NO. OF RIVER OUTLETS None

METHOD OF WASTE DISPOSAL Sanitary sewer

VIOLATION Liquid waste flows into catch basin on Blanchard St.

1. COLOR Sneezish

2. ODOR Foul

3. TURBIDITY Sneezish turbid liquid

4. COLLECTION ON RIVER BANKS None

5. SURFACE SCUM, FOAM OR OIL Trace of oil

6. APPROXIMATE DISTANCE EXTENDING INTO RIVER WIDTH AND UPSTREAM  
OR DOWNSTREAM —

7. REACTION WITH TEST PAPER pH 7

8. SAMPLE no sample

Remarks:

Yard area is covered with decayed tallow waste products & oil. Steam water blow off and other steam leakage continue to flush material over property onto Central Railroad of N.J. tracks, and into catch basin on Blanchard St.

Note: It appears that this liquid reaches into Blanchard St. Catch basin only during rainfall, when water flows along Central R.R. Track carrying this material. Also, on very high tides this area becomes flooded and run off carries said liquid into catch basin.

Respectfully,

John K. DuRoughlin

I did not witness any liquid waste discharge from Standard Tallow enter catch basin this week.

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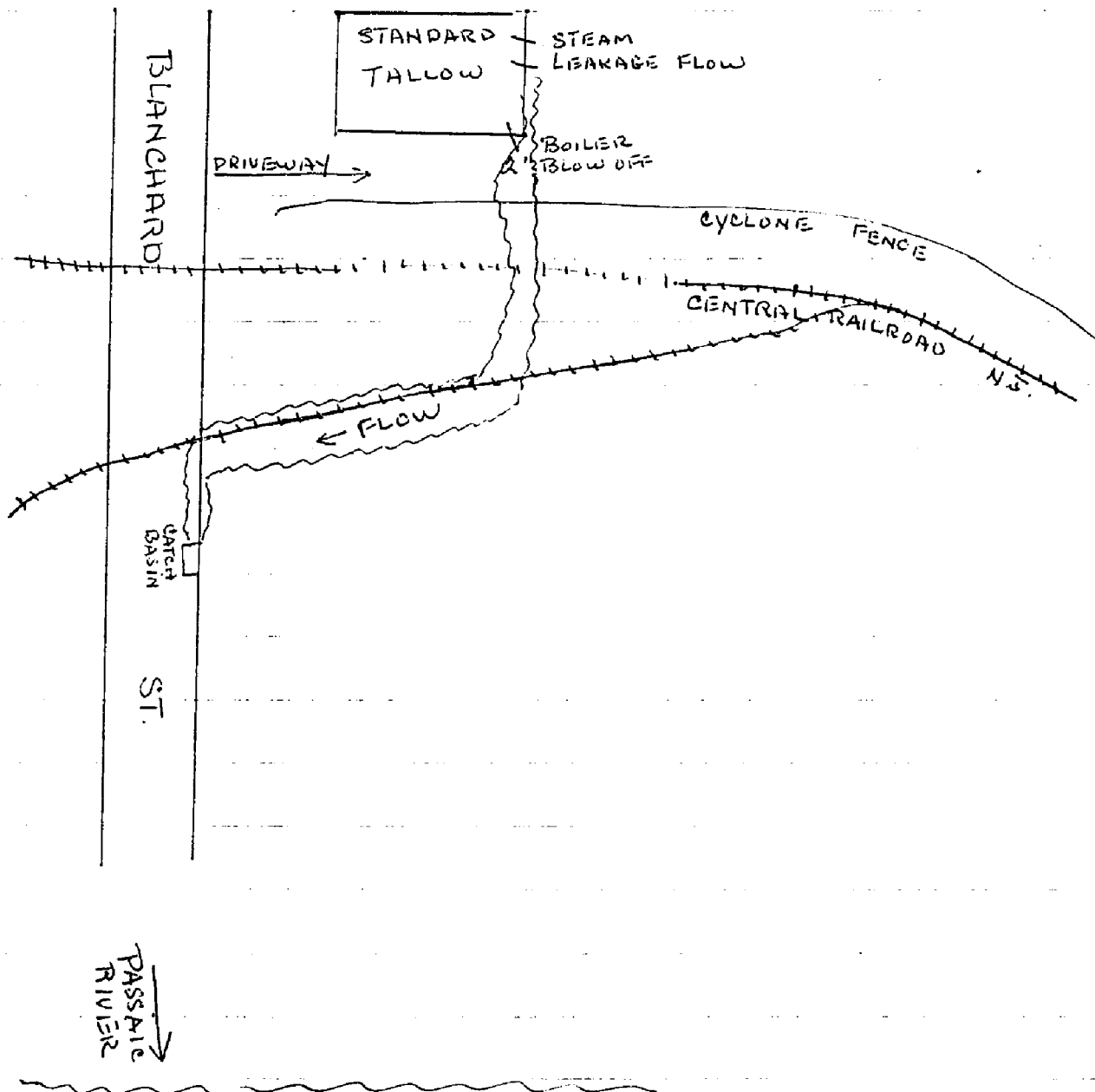
District #10

John H. McLaughlin

Re: Standard Tallow Co.

61 Blanchard St.

Newark, N.J. 07105



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State of New Jersey.  
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners  
24 Branford Place  
NEWARK

February 6, 1926.

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners,  
24 Branford Place,  
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Supplementing my communication to you of August 20, 1925, on the subject of River Pollution by Industrial Concerns, the following report has been prepared to show the progress made during the past six months, that is, since the date of the former report.

Summed up briefly, this progress consists of the elimination of the polluting wastes of thirty-eight (38) more industrial concerns from the river, 5 of these by the construction of treatment plants and 33 by the diversion of the polluting wastes to the sewers.

Since August, 1925, many additional industrial concerns have been investigated and classified so that the grand total of firms visited to date numbers 378, which constitutes practically every firm of any importance in the district which could be classified as actual or potential-polluters.—Of this total—

251 are now classified as non-polluting  
69 as polluting by industrial waste,  
15 as polluting by sanitary sewage alone, and  
43 as still under investigation.

Following is a tabulation listing the names of the eighty-four (84) firms known to be polluting the river at the present time, with a brief statement relative to each firm's pollution:

Name	Business	Location	Remarks.
American Hair Felt	Felt making	Newark	Acid Wash Waters.
Anderson Chem. Co.	Lacquers, etc.	Wallington	Acid waters, Calcium Sulphate in suspension. 12 tons daily.
Mrs. Berkmann	Slaughtering	Fairlawn	Blood, fleshy fragments manure, washings, sanitary sewage.
Bimblar Packing Co.	Hog slaughtering and rendering	Kearny	Sanitary sewage, blood, flesh, manure and rendering wastes.

Name	Business	Location	Remarks.
Bradford Mills	Spinners of artificial silk	Passaic	Sewage from 16 employes. Owners of building, Campbell, Morrell. No Connections made. Have been talking several months about a survey being made by engineers.
Brown & Co., Geo.	Stone cutting	Newark	Insufficiently settled suspension of fine stone in water.
Broomhead B'ldg.	Laundry	Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Soapy Laundry waste.
Clark's Thread Mill	Dyeing thread	Newark	Weak Dye Waste
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Congdon Mill	Silk Man'fr.	Paterson	Sanitary Sewage. Dye waste.
Cramer & King	Silk Dyeing	Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Silk dye waste.
Crew Piece Dye W'ks.	Silk Dyeing	E. Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Silk dye waste.
Crucible Steel Co.	Steel Rolling	Harrison	Sanitary sewage. Cooling water from rolls.
Dahlinger, L.	Lunch	Passaic	No connections have been made and no steps taken to do so as far as can be found.
Davidson Bros.	Stone cutting	Harrison	Insufficiently settled suspension of fine stone in water.
Diamond Paper Mills	Paper making	Bloomfield	Paper waste (suspension of fine cotton fibers in water.
Eastwood Wire Co.	Wire drawing	Belleville	Acid solution containing copper and zinc.
Edison Chemical Works	Storage batteries	Silver Lake	Iron liquors, sometimes acid.
Edison Interests	Phonographs	W. Orange	Iron Liquors, sometimes acid.
Fairlawn Fur Dressing Co.	Fur dressing	Fairlawn	Solution of salt and alum with extracted blood, etc. from dried skins.
Federal Creosoting Co.	Creosoting wood	Richfield	Escape of Creosote Oil.
Fiori and Sons	Silk dyeing	Paterson	Silk Dye Waste.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Frank Mill	Various	Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Weak dye waste.
Garfield Aniline Works	Color Manufacture	Wallington	Sanitary sewage. Waste from making of colors.
Garfield M'fg. Co.	Hard rubber goods	Garfield	No-sewer available Havebeen waiting a year for town to build a sewer. We sent a letter last April to this concern
Gautschy Silk Dyeing Co.	Silk Dyeing	Paterson	Silk dye waste.
General Lead Batteries Co.	Storage Batteries	Newark	Washings from boards containing oil and rosin.
General Steel Casting Co.	Steel castings	Newark	No sewer available. Waiting for City to build sewer.
Granite Linen Co.	Linen towels	Wortendyke	Insufriciently puri- fied sanitary sewage. Keir liquids and wash waters.
Greenwald Textile Printing Co.	Textile printing	Waldrich	Sanitary sewage, print waste and wash- ings.
Grobart Mills	Silk Dyeing	Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Dye waste.
Hammersley Mfg. Co.	Paper making	Garfield	Sanitary sewage.waste from paper making.
Hart Dyeing Co.	Dyeing	Newark	Sanitary sewage. Dye waste.
Hanlon & Goodwin	Brushes	Belleville	Sanitary sewage.
Hohokus Bleachery	Bleaching	Hohokus	Kier liquors.
Horner and Sons	Stone Cutting	Newark	Sanitary sewage. Heavy suspension of fine stone in water.
How Paper Box Co.	Paper boxes	Passaic	No connections made. Waiting for owners, Campbell, Morrell, to make connections.
Katterman & Mitchell	Broad Silk	Waldrich	Sanitary sewage. No sewer available.



Name	Business	Location	Remarks
Kussy Rendering Co.	Rendering of dead animals	Kearny	Foul rendering wastes.
Ladew and Co.	Tanning	Newark	Sanitary sewage, Foul tannery wastes
Lipsky, A.H.	Silk ribbons	Passaic	No connection made. Sewage from 5 employes, waiting for owners, Campbell, Morrell, to make connections.
Lustre Fibre Dyeing Company	Textile Dyeing	Newark	Dye wastes
Maas & Waldstein	Lacquers and solvents	Newark	Acid suspension of Calcium Sulphate
Manhattan Print Works	Bleaching, dyeing and printing	Passaic	Heavy print and dye wastes
Masson Dyeing Co.	Silk Dyeing	Fairlawn	Silk Dye wastes
Metakloth Co.	Special fabrics	Lodi	Muddy strongly alkaline wastes
Murray Leather Co.	Leather	Newark	Tanning wastes
Nairn Linoleum Co.	Linoleum	Kearny	On the admission of new owners, no connection was ever made here. They were to write for instructions as to how to obtain connections.
Napier Hat M'fg. Co.	Making and dyeing hats	Bellville	Sanitary sewage. Acid dye waste.
Napon Rayon Corp.	Artificial Silk	Clifton	Sanitary sewage and wastes from artificial silk.
National Silk Dyeing Co.	Silk dyeing	E. Paterson	Sanitary sewage and silk dye waste.
Newark Boxboard Co.	Cardboard	Newark	Foul paper wastes.
Newark Plaster Co.	Plaster making	Newark	Milky plaster waste.
Newark Stockyards	Cattle lairs	Kearny	Sewage from about 16 employes. They were to join in a private sewer from Bimble Packing Co. Held up by Bureau of Animal Industry. In conference with W.G. Taylor.

Name	Business	Location	Remarks
North Jersey Ice Cream Co.	Ice cream	Passaic	Sanitary sewage and can washings.
Nutley Laundry	Laundry	Belleville	Laundry Waste.
Passaic Lumber Co.	Lumber	Passaic	No connections made. Sanitary sewage. 14 employes.
Passaic Worsted & Spinning Co.	Worsted	Passaic	Foul wool washing waste.
Pitkin Worsted Co.	Worsted	Passaic	Dye wastes.
Pontasota Leather Co.	Leather	Passaic	Muddy leather waste.
Public Service Production Co.	Storage	Newark	Sanitary sewage only.
Public Service Electric Co.	Power	Newark	Sanitary sewage only.
Radel Leather Co.	Tanning	Newark	Tannery wastes.
Rittenhouse Mill	Various	Passaic	Sanitary sewage and various wastes.
Sonneborn Co.	Paints & greases	Belleville	Oily and greasy wastes
Spurr & Sons	Stone cutting	Harrison	Insufficiently settled suspension of fine stone in water
Standard Silk Dyeing Co.	Silk Dyeing	Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Silk dye wastes.
Standard Tallow Co.	Fat rendering	Newark	Sanitary sewage. Waste from rendering kettles
Tanners' Products Co.	Hair for felt	Newark	Sanitary sewage. Lime wastes.
Textile Dyeing Co.	Silk Dyeing	Fairlawn	Sanitary sewage. Silk Dye wastes.
Theobald By-Products	Rendering	Kearny	Foul rendering wastes.
Todd Mill	Silk Dyeing, etc.	Paterson	No connection made.
United Piece Dye Works	Silk Dyeing	Lodi	Silk Dye Waste
United Piece (Weidman Div.)	Silk Dyeing	Paterson	Silk Dye Wastes.
United Piece (Weidman Annex)	Silk Dyeing	Paterson	Sanitary sewage and silk dye wastes.

Name	Business	Location	Remarks.
United Piece Dye Works	Silk Dyeing	Hawthorne	Sanitary sewage and silk dye wastes
United Wool Dyeing & Finishing Co.	Wool dyeing	Passaic	Sanitary sewage and wool dyeing wastes.
Unkomaas Woolen Mills	Wool dyeing	Passaic	Sanitary sewage and dye wastes.
Waldrich Bleachery	Bleaching & Dyeing	Delawanna	Sanitary sewage. Kier liquors and heavy dye wastes.
Waterhouse Mill	Various	Passaic	Sanitary sewage. Some dye waste.
Waverly Mill	Various	Paterson	Sanitary sewage. Expect to go in Standard Silk Dyeing Co. sewer.
Weiss, Wilhelm Co.	Textile print'g and finishing	Passaic	Dye and print wastes.
Wishnack Mill	Various	Paterson	Sanitary sewage and dye waste.
Zlotkin, A.B.	Junk	Paterson	Washings from 20 cars.

It would seem advisable at the earliest possible moment to bring strong pressure to bear upon all the above listed firms in an endeavor to eliminate as much of this remaining pollution as possible, before warm weather sets in.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Engineer.

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September 15, 1969

Standard Tallow Company  
61 Blanchard Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

A turbid amber-brownish liquid, flowing along the Penn Central Railroad spur, and entering the Blanchard Street Storm Sewer, has been traced back by the Commissioners' inspectors to your company. This material is highly polluting, and since it finds its way to the Passaic River, it is in violation of the New Jersey State Statutes, and since it uses the Blanchard Street Storm Sewer, it is also in violation of City Ordinances.

When the Commissioners' inspector, after properly identifying himself, attempted to make further investigations on your property to point out the source of pollution to you, he was told by personnel in your plant to "get out and stay out". The Commissioners' inspector asked the man to identify himself by name, but your aggressive employee refused, stating "he didn't have to give his name to anybody". However, the Commissioners' inspector can identify the man by sight. The Commissioners find it difficult to understand why your firm does not wish to cooperate with the elimination of pollution, unless you are attempting to hide some evidence of a gross violation of the law within your plant.

because of "sloppy housekeeping" with polluting materials all along your yards, it appears that everytime a rainfall occurs, this material reaches the ditches, and thence the Passaic River, as mentioned above.

You are hereby directed to cease pollution at once. If the Commissioners do not receive a written communication from you by September 22nd, the Commissioners will turn this matter over to their attorney for legal action. This communication should indicate that you will cooperate with the Commissioners' inspectors, and also state what you will do to eliminate the pollution, with a time schedule showing when this will be accomplished.

Very truly yours,

PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS

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cc: Commrs. McMahon and  
Gordon; Counsel Durkin;

Messrs. Andolino, Barcellona,

Cuccinello, & Goldberg; City of Newark - Director Krusch

S. A. Lubetkin  
Chief Engineer

September 29, 1969

Standard Tallow Company  
61 Blanchard Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Attention: Mr. Irving Block

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 17th, 1969. The Commissioners' Inspectors took a sample of the material being discharged by you, into the ditch which goes to the Blanchard Street Storm Sewer, and thence to the Passaic River. This material was found to be highly polluting.

You are hereby directed to cease polluting at once. Please write to the Commissioners informing them, what you intend to do to halt this pollution, and a time schedule indicating when this will be done.

Very truly yours,

PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS

S. A. Lubetkin,  
Chief Engineer

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C.C. TO: Commrs. McMahon  
Gordon  
Attorney, T. Durkin, Jr.  
Messrs. Goldberg  
Barcellona  
Cuccinello  
Andolino, Sr.

March 4, 1970

Standard Tallow Company  
61 Blanchard Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Attn: Irving Block

Dear Sir:

On September 15, 1969, the Commissioners wrote to you concerning pollution of the Passaic River caused by sloppy housekeeping in your company. On September 17th, you replied, stating that you wished to have the pollution pointed out to you. On September 29th, I again wrote to you, informing you of the pollution, and directing that you cease polluting at once.

Yesterday, Tuesday, March 3, 1970, the Commissioners' Inspectors traced back a source of heavy pollution to your firm again. It was found that your personnel are washing down your yard and equipment, and that all the polluting material is washed into a storm sewer, which thence reaches the Passaic River.

This operation is illegal, and since you have made no attempt to rectify the situation, you leave me no alternative but to turn this matter over to the hands of the Commissioners' Counsel for legal action.

Very truly yours,

PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS

S. A. Lubetkin  
Chief Engineer

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Certified Mail

cc: Passaic Valley Sewerage Commrs.;  
Counsel Durkin; Messrs. Cuccinello  
and Goldberg

Revere Smelting & Refining Corp., 383 Avenue P, Newark, N.J.  
 September 16, 1969. (J. McLaughlin)

This company has an operation wherein old storage batteries are junked. When the storage batteries are broken-up at an outdoors disassembly platform, acid flows across the ground into yard drains which reach Plum Creek, a tributary of the Passaic River. There is an attempt to neutralize with lime pebbles along the ground, however, this is completely inadequate and the material as it reaches the stream is polluting. On September 29, Mr. Lubetkin wrote this company directing that they cease pollution at once. In a return mail, dated October 12, 1969, the Commissioners were informed that this company intended to install a large holding tank where the product would be caught, neutralized and treated before discharging to the stream. They also intended to connect into the Newark Sewer, as soon as it was available in this area, but the neutralization tank would be repaired prior to the Newark connection. As of the end of 1969, the tank was on order but had not arrived and pollution was still occurring although an attempt is being made by the company to neutralize with lime.

Thomas Smith, 1500 McCarter Highway, Newark, N.J.  
 (J. McLaughlin)

On December 12, 1969, the Commissioners' Inspector investigated a barge which was secured to a bulkhead, owned by the Erie Lackawanna Railroad, which was leased to the Napp-Greco Company, at 1500 McCarter Highway, Newark, New Jersey. A Mr. Thomas Smith lived aboard this houseboat with two other occupants. The Commissioners tested the sanitary facilities with fluorescein dye and confirmed that the sanitary waste discharged directly into the Passaic River at that point. Mr. Smith was notified that this was illegal, but nothing was done as of the end of 1969.

Standard Tallow Company, 61 Blanchard Street, Newark, N.J.  
 August 11, 1969. (J. McLaughlin)

This company has a fat rendering plant in Newark and much of their material enters a ditch which flows towards a catch basin which enters into the Blanchard Street Storm Sewer. This company is a source of a large amount of pollution from the Blanchard Street Storm Sewer in Newark. On September 15, 1969, the Commissioners wrote a letter to this company informing them of pollution due to sloppy housekeeping and they were directed to cease pollution at once. In their reply dated September 17, 1969, they requested that the pollution be pointed out to them. In a second letter, dated September 29th, the Commissioners again informed them of this pollution, stating that material,

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Standard Tallow Company (Continued)

which they discharged into the ditch, had been analyzed and found to be highly polluting. Mr. Block, company owner, when informed of this situation promised to build curbs, in the spring, to prevent material from reaching a ditch and thence the storm sewer. However, until the whole area is cleaned up, pollution will continue to occur, even if only intermittently during wet weather. This pollution is tied in with the Newark pollution thru the Blanchard Street Storm Sewer. Thus, when the City of Newark finishes the construction of their next sewer they will undoubtedly require Standard Tallow Company, to remove all polluting matter from the Storm Sewer. At the end of the year the situation had not changed and the Commissioners intend to continue on this matter in 1970.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., 720 Washington Avenue, Belleville,  
New Jersey  
December 3, 1969

(D. Miele, Jr.)

Pollution emanating from the Nutley-Belleville Storm Sewer was traced back to this company. This company has a pit in their basement which is pumped to the Nutley-Belleville Storm Sewer. The pit contained not only clear water but some acid and process water. Mr. Lubetkin wrote a letter to this company on December 3, 1969, directing them to cease pollution. On December 19, 1969, the company replied that they had removed the line between the sump pump and the storm sewer and the sump discharge was re-piped to a new neutralization system. Samples of the discharge were taken after the re-connection and it was found that there was still pollution, obviously from some other source. The company was notified and they promised to rectify the situation as soon as they could find the other source of pollution. As of the end of the year the discharge was still polluting, but the company was cooperating and working to halt this pollution.

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