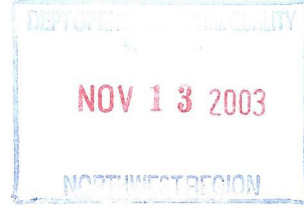




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~~Mr. Raj Kapur~~

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RE: Oil Seep at Stimson Gaston Facility
NPDES Permit No. 101480

Dear Mr. Kapur:

This letter is in follow-up to our earlier conversations regarding an oil leak at Stimson Lumber Company's property near Gaston.

Early in the week of September 8 Stimson personnel first noticed an unusual quantity of water entering the stormwater sump between the powerhouse and hardboard production facilities. A dye test was run that showed the source to be the mill's Fire Water Pond. This water is predominantly water taken directly from Scoggins Creek, so maintenance personnel were relatively unconcerned about any overflow to our stormwater discharge while they determined how to stop the leak.

However, on September 12 some quantity of oil was observed to seep into the sump. Booms were immediately placed to hold back the oil and environmental staff was informed of the problem. We continued to retain the oil, called Spencer Environmental to the site in order to remove the oil, and called DEQ to provide notification of the problem. Booms were successful in retaining the oil so removal with a vacuum truck was easily accomplished. However, a small quantity of oil continued to intrude, so water draining to the next point in the stormwater system (sump near pond overflow) was diverted to the "Surge Pond" at the East end of the facility. The combination of diversion and oil booms prevented any off-site discharge until the sump ingress point could be blocked with concrete the following day.

Surface discharge tests at the stormwater ditch (attached) the following Monday detected no oil and grease. We have since determined that the leak was a result of damage to an underground line caused by recent work on the mill fire suppression system – this damage has been repaired.

Though there was no apparent off-site discharge of oil, Stimson is providing this update as agreed earlier. Please feel free to contact me at 503-357-2131 if you should have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jim Skuzeski

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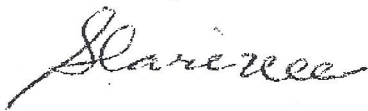
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Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods
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Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Dilution	Method	Prepared	Analyzed	Batch	Notes
Ditch Surface (P3I0532-01) Water						Sampled: 09/12/03 Received: 09/15/03			
Oil & Grease (HEM)	ND	5.00	mg/l	1	EPA 1664	09/17/03	09/18/03	3117005	

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Shirley Larivee For Brian Cone, Industrial Services Manager

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