



June 30, 1994

Mr. Allyn M. Davis, Director
Hazardous Waste Management Division
USEPA - Region 6
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ATTN: Mr. Rich Mayer

Re: Quarterly Progress Report (January - March 1994), HSWA Portion
of Permit, Safety-Kleen Corp. Service Center, Albuquerque, New
Mexico (NMD 000804294)

Dear Mr. Davis:

The New Mexico Environment Division (NMED) and USEPA - Region 6 issued a joint Hazardous Waste Permit for the Safety-Kleen Corp. (S-K) service center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The HSWA portion of the Permit (Module V) became effective on January 11, 1992. Module V of the Permit primarily addresses the corrective action requirements for solid waste management units (SWMUs).

Table 1 of Module V identifies SWMU No. 4 as a spent solvent sludge tank based on the results of a RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA). The HSWA conditions of the Permit required further investigation to evaluate potential impacts/degradation due to a release from SWMU No. 4, an alleged underground storage tank (UST). The HSWA conditions also required implementation of corrective action, if necessary.

This quarterly report is being submitted to comply with the reporting requirements in Section E of the HSWA Permit. Section E requires submittal of quarterly reports which describe all activities conducted pursuant to the provisions of this Permit. This quarterly report covers the period of January through March 1994 and includes a brief chronology of recent pertinent events.

Summary of Pertinent Events and
Work Completed During Reporting Period

1. In a letter dated June 22, 1992, S-K presented a plan to sample soils underlying the spent solvent sludge tank, if present. S-K also proposed to coordinate the sampling with the interim status closure and assessment activities.

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2. In a letter dated June 30, 1992, USEPA approved the Workplan and requested the RFI report be submitted by January 2, 1993. The RFI Workplan consisted of documents dated May 18 and June 22, 1993.
3. In a letter dated December 23, 1992, S-K requested an extension of the RFI report deadline so the sampling could be coordinated with the interim status closure activities. Subsequently, USEPA approved the extension to October 31, 1993.
4. S-K initiated the interim status closure and assessment activities between May and August 1993. The alleged sludge UST (SWMU No. 4) was not encountered during the closure activities; however, an assessment was performed to evaluate the extent of subsurface impacts due to the product mineral spirits release.
5. The results of previous investigations and the closure assessment activities indicated the subsurface impacts were due primarily to mineral spirits and associated constituents. In a report dated October 28, 1993, S-K submitted the results of the interim status closure and assessment activities. This report also included a remedial action plan to address the subsurface impacts under interim status closure and/or the NMED UST regulations.
6. In response to a discussion with USEPA on January 5, 1994, S-K submitted photodocumentation of the former USTs excavation from June and July 1993. The photographs were presented in with a letter dated January 7, 1994, and provided additional evidence that the alleged sludge tank did not exist at the time of closure.
7. In letter dated January 7, 1994, USEPA approved the October 28, 1993 report and concurred with the approach of no further action regarding the alleged sludge tank (SWMU No. 4). USEPA also requested that S-K submit a request for a Class III modification (40 CFR 270.42) to remove this unit from the permit.
8. In a letter dated April 4, 1994, NMED/Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau concurred that remaining subsurface impacts near the former hazardous waste UST were associated with the 1991 product system release, and requested that S-K submit a closure certification report. S-K submitted a closure certification report for the former hazardous waste additional actions regarding subsurface impacts will be addressed through the NMED/UST program.

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Summary of Findings

1. The alleged sludge tank (SWMU No. 4) should have been located between the waste mineral spirits UST and return/fill station. As previously mentioned, the alleged sludge tank (SWMU No. 4) was not encountered during removal of the interim status USTs and return/fill station.
2. The October 28, 1993, report was prepared to address the RFI reporting requirements relative to SWMU No. 4. Note, sampling could not be performed under SWMU No. 4 because this tank was not present at the site.
3. In the letter dated January 25, 1994, USEPA acknowledged that the RFI and corrective action requirements associated with SWMU No. 4 have been satisfied in accordance with the HSWA Permit conditions. Additionally, S-K intends to address remediation of subsurface impacts under the interim status closure and/or NMED UST regulations, as appropriate.

Projected Work for Next Quarterly Period

1. Prepare and submit a request for a Class III modification to remove the sludge tank (SWMU No. 4) from the permit in accordance with 40 CFR 270.42.
2. S-K has tentatively scheduled submittal of the modification request to NMED during the week of July 15, 1994.
3. Coordinate additional remedial actions and/or additional assessment activities with the NMED UST section, as necessary.
4. Submit the next quarterly progress report to USEPA for the period of July - September 1994, if necessary.
5. The next quarterly progress report will be submitted on or before September 30, 1994.

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S-K appreciates the USEPA - Region 6 cooperation and assistance with this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Bedessem (TriHydro Corporation) at (307) 745-7474 or me at (713) 261-2015.

Sincerely,
SAFETY-KLEEN CORP.

Handwritten signature of Joe Herrin in cursive, with the initials "BH" written at the end of the signature.

Joe Herrin
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