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Crosson, Kirk (ENE)

From: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)

Sent: November 30, 2012 11:46 AM

To: 'grambug7@sympatico.ca'

Cc: Westman, Trisha (ENE)

Subject: Follow-up to question on recovery at the Hornepayne CN yard

Here is a web link to the site approval <http://www.environet.ene.gov.on.ca/instruments/4992-7UVKVT-14.pdf>

Based on the 2010 annual report for this site the follow recovery information was provided.

For the West end recovery system for the period from 1998 to 2010 a total of 168,317 L was recovered of which 3, 007 L was recovered in 2010.

For the East End Lagoon Recovery System for the period from 1998 to 2010 a total of 19, 124 L had been recovered of which 1,182 L was recovered in 2010.

From the former shop track fueling area system was not operated in 2010, but material from various other operations was placed within this site's holding tank (1, 468 L in 2010). Since 2004 this system has recovered 10, 110 L of material.

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From: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Sent: November 14, 2012 11:09 AM
To: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Subject: FW: 2012 10 29 WO 3022 CN Hornepayne GCollins TW.doc
Attachments: 2012 10 29 WO 3022 CN Hornepayne GCollins TW.doc

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Hi,

I got a voice mail from George Collins yesterday – he said he has a few quick follow up questions regarding our letter. Can you please give him a call back – His number is 807-228-3011. He may have called last week [REDACTED] I am not sure how old the msg is.

Thanks,
Trish

From: Cameron, Brian (ENE)
Sent: October 29, 2012 4:19 PM
To: Pretty, Susan (ENE)
Cc: Kasper, Max (ENE); Westman, Trisha (ENE); Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Subject: FW: 2012 10 29 WO 3022 CN Hornepayne GCollins TW.doc

Ps see attached

From: Kasper, Max (ENE)
Sent: October 29, 2012 4:17 PM
To: Cameron, Brian (ENE)
Cc: Westman, Trisha (ENE); Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Subject: 2012 10 29 WO 3022 CN Hornepayne GCollins TW.doc

for your review and approval

bc: CCU
ADM/K. French
DIR/J. Taylor
AUTHOR: Max Kasper
Log: ENV1283MC-2012-3022

Mr. George Collins
Via email: grambug7@sympatico.ca

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for your email message of October 20, 2012 about the Canadian National Railway (CN) yard in Hornepayne. I have been asked to respond to your email on behalf of the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment.

You are correct with respect to historical diesel and oil contamination at the Hornepayne Yard. Clean up activities have been ongoing since the 1990s, when the onsite fuelling stands were decommissioned. The Ministry of the Environment is aware of this contamination, and has issued Environmental Compliance Approvals for the treatment systems installed by CN (which are known as the East End Environmental Protection System and the West End Fuelling Stand System) to remediate this problem. These systems collect and treat contaminated groundwater and stormwater prior to discharge to the Jackfish River. The original approval for part of this system was issued in 1998; the most recent approval, which consolidated the East and West End systems into one permit, was issued in April of 2010. For your further information, the approval is available online through the Access Environment website, or at this link:
<http://www.environment.ca.gov.on.ca/instruments/4992-7UVKVT-14.pdf>.

The Environmental Compliance Approval for the treatment systems includes requirements for both ground and surface water monitoring, sets effluent limits for the discharge to the Jackfish River, requires notification if any discharge samples exceed limits and requires the preparation and submission of an annual report to the ministry. CN has been in compliance with their discharge limits in 2010, 2011 and 2012 to date.

You asked in your email for information on the amount of contamination that has been pumped out of the ground. For the 2012 year to date, 6,298 litres of hydrocarbon contamination have been recovered from the East and West End treatment systems.

I hope the above information has answered most of your questions about the Hornepayne Yard. If you have more questions or concerns, you can call Trisha Westman, Supervisor, at 705-942-6393, or toll-free at 1-800-965-9990.

Thank you for bringing your comments and concerns to the Minister's attention.

Sincerely,

John Taylor
Director,
Northern Region

Crosson, Kirk (ENE)

From: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Sent: January-06-14 11:59 AM
To: 'Nick Tropea'
Subject: RE: CN Hornepayne Yard C of A

Hi Nick

As this will be a new input/waste stream it should be included in an amendment to the industrial sewage works approval 3528-83LQWT for the Hornepayne yard. Based on the September 2013, inspection an amendment to the sewage work approval will be required for other matters that were located at that time (Lagoon #1). As this is a new waste stream at the site, it should be included in an approval amendment application.

Kirk Crosson
MOE Sault Ste. Marie

This reply is give based on limited information of the intended work/construction, or site alterations. As this involves fuel handling activities additional approvals or permits from other agencies (such as TSSA) may be required.

From: Nick Tropea [<mailto:NTropea@kgsgroup.com>]
Sent: January-06-14 10:59 AM
To: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Subject: CN Hornepayne Yard C of A

Hi Kirk,

Happy New Year!!

I hope you had a good holiday season.

One question for you regarding the C of A for CN Hornepayne Yard. CN is looking to bring back a DTL fuelling system in the west end of the yard. They would like to use a waste oil tank for the collection of any waste water collected as part of this system and process the collected fluids in the East End Collection System OWS, located at the east end of the yard.

My first thought is that this potential "waste water" will be a new waste stream, and will have to be included in the C of A as a new process. The general contractor hired by CN to construct the DTL system is under the impression that we can use the existing C of A to cover the processing of new waste water.

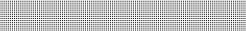
Can you please confirm?

Regards,

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Crosson, Kirk (ENE)

From: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Sent: February-10-14 3:31 PM
To: George Collins
Cc: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Subject: RE: Convienient time

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Hi George,

Thanks for your thoughts, I will discuss the option with Kirk. We did receive the files from our archives and they are now sitting on my desk. I should have a chance to look through them this week and will keep you posted as to what we find.

Kind regards,
Trish

From: George Collins [<mailto:grampabug7@hotmail.com>]
Sent: February 7, 2014 12:37 PM
To: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Subject: RE: Convienient time

From: grampabug7@sympatico.ca
To: grampabug7@hotmail.com
Subject: Fw: Convienient time
Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2014 12:26:45 -0500

From: George Collins
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Gail Collins
Subject: RE: Convienient time

Trisha Westman with respect. After our conversation which included Kirk Crosson on Jan. 23rd 2014, I thank you for your offer to check the archives, MOE, for any information concerning or results of soil sampling done by KGB of TBay an offer I do appreciate . As you indicated in the phone conversation the process will take a considerable amount of time, one reason being the archives are located in Toronto. My concern is such that I suggest the following short cut, that you have a employee of your staff contact KGB, and ask for copies of the results of the samples they did in fact take. I offer the following numbers to assist, KGB 1 807 625 2266 after hrs.1 807 625 2195, Fax 1 807 625 3588. Hope this is of some value Geo. Collins .

From: grampabug7@sympatico.ca
To: grampabug7@hotmail.com
Subject: Fw: Convienient time
Date: Fri, 7 Feb 2014 10:28:26 -0500

From: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 1:26 PM
To: Gail Collins
Subject: RE: Convienient time

Great – I have asked Kirk Crosson to sit in on the call as he has been working with this file for the past three years.

Talk to you soon,
Trish

From: Gail Collins [<mailto:grambug7@sympatico.ca>]
Sent: January 23, 2014 1:08 PM
To: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Subject: Re: Convienient time

From: Westman, Trisha (ENE) THAT WORKS FOR ME . AT 1 807 887 3328 , 0200 George.
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 12:39 PM
To: Gail Collins
Subject: RE: Convienient time

Hi George,
I apologize for the delay, how about this afternoon after 2:00?

Can you please send me a phone number I can reach you at?

Many thanks,
Trish

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From: Gail Collins [<mailto:grambug7@sympatico.ca>]
Sent: January 23, 2014 12:18 PM
To: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Subject: Convienient time

George Collins at grambug7@sympatico.ca I can conclude that my MON, TUES, WED, morning were not workable with your scheduling. Please respond with your times of your choice. Thanking you for your attention to this matter .

Crosson, Kirk (ENE)

From: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Sent: January-23-14 2:53 PM
To: Giroux, Francine (ENE)
Cc: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Subject: Canadian National Railway, Hornepayne yard

Hi Francine

Can you undertake an archives pull for files related to the Canadian National Railway Yard in Hornepayne Ontario. This site has two main industrial sewage works for the treatment of hydrocarbons (diesel) and only air approval for a test period and many wells on the property. The main reason for the file pull is to determine if there are any soil sampling data for the 1990 within our filing system

Thanks

Crosson, Kirk (ENE)

From: Westman, Trisha (ENE)
Sent: January-23-14 3:49 PM
To: Cameron, Brian (ENE); Wideman, Peter (ENE)
Cc: Crosson, Kirk (ENE)
Subject: CN Railway yard - Hornepayne

Hi Brian and Nancy,

Kirk and I have been communicating with Mr. George Collins in Hornepayne regarding concerns of offsite impacts to soil around the CN yard. This is property was used as a refueling station for many years (25-50). There is extensive contamination on the site. They have monitoring wells from which they recover free product. Following an inspection about 5 years ago, we were successful in forcing them at the very least to get an approval for the sewage works they put in for their pump and treat system. The site is located on the banks of the Jackfish River.

We have no files on site dating back to the original time (mid-90s) when the contamination would have been first identified. We are going to comb archives to see what we can find for better history. We haven't seen anything in our file detailing delineation of the contamination – we are hoping the archive pull will be fruitful, but Kirk is skeptical.

Mr. Collins has been working with a few other like-minded concerned locals to figure out how to voice their concerns. They have asked CN for data on numerous occasions with no success. Because of the federal jurisdiction angle which CN highly advocates, it is highly unlikely they will be any more welcoming to us. We have had obstruction issues with this site in the past.

We would like to assist Mr. Collins in his research into the situation. We are going to comb our own data – wheels on that front are in motion. Rather than jump to a monitoring study, the next step that I think might be reasonable, would be find a way of requesting disclosure from CN with respect to historical sampling reports if we have the jurisdiction to do so. If not, Nancy, what might we need to substantiate a request? We could consider doing a very small scale exploratory sampling program if we need more rationale to approach CN.

Peter, I threw you in the loop because as tech support is maxed out, we might appeal to you to look at the site and assist us in developing a conceptual idea of where would be reasonable to expect a contaminant plume. Mr. Collins is going to take on doing some sampling on his own – not sure what his time frames were going to be. I asked him to keep us posted as to his monitoring.

Your thoughts on this are welcomed,

Trish

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