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Department of Natural Resources and Community Development  
Winston-Salem Regional Office

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

October 9, 1989

Mr. W. E. Linthicum, II  
Vice President  
W. E. Linthicum & Son, Inc.  
406 Tomlinson Street  
(P. O. Box 2634)  
High Point, North Carolina 27261

Re: Notice of Violation  
W. E. Linthicum & Son, Inc., Ready Mixed  
Concrete facilities located at 406  
Tomlinson Street of surface water discharges  
of acid cleaning materials, transport truck  
wash down, waters and concrete residues into an  
unnamed tributary of Richland Creek,  
Guilford County

Dear Mr. Linthicum:

During an inspection of the subject facilities during a  
Complaint Investigation on July 13, 1989, by Mr. A. R.  
Hagstrom, Environmental Engineer, with this Office, several  
violations of the North Carolina General Statute (NCGS)  
143-215.1 were either observed or indicated. The violations  
included the following:

1. The use of acid materials and other cleaners to clean trucks with discharges of the waste waters to the general parking area with subsequent washing into surface waters and/or ground waters.
2. A heavy layer of pulverized concrete materials coated the parking area and was being washed into an unprotected storm drainage pipe and into the creek.
3. A sand, gravel, concrete, and water recycle system was on the site but inadequate grading contributed to surface water run-off. This operation will also require a State Non-Discharge Permit.

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4. The creek bottom and natural materials in the creek were covered with concrete residuals for over one half mile from the plant's discharges.

North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 143-215.1 states that "No person shall do any of the following things or carry out any of the following activities until or unless such person shall have applied for and shall have received from the Environmental Management Commission a permit therefor and shall have complied with such conditions, if any, as are prescribed by such permit:

- (6) Cause or permit any waste, directly or indirectly, to be discharged to or in any manner intermixed with the waters of the State in violation of the water quality standard applicable to the assigned classifications."

These discharges from your Company, W. E. Linthicum & Sons, Inc., are considered illegal discharges as no discharge permit has been obtained from the Division of Environmental Management

To comply with State Law you must cease all non-storm water to surface water discharges immediately, take steps to eliminate the discharge of concrete related materials into the creek, and eliminate the discharge of acids and other cleaning materials or product additions.

You should take whatever actions needed to eliminate the discharges and clean the creek that has been affected from your plant's activities. You must either eliminate the discharges by going to the City Sewer (if they will accept them), obtain an NPDES Permit for your discharges, or stop the discharges.

You must submit a written response to the Winston-Salem Regional Office to the attention of Mr. Larry D. Coble, Regional Supervisor at the address shown on their letterhead regarding the corrective actions taken to date and what are planned to eliminate your Company's violations by November 10, 1989. Your corrective actions should show completion dates for each activity.

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Until such time as these facilities are either properly permitted or the discharges are eliminated, your Company is considered to be in violation of and, therefore, subject to enforcement action pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes 143-215 et al.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. A. R. Hagstrom or Mr. M. Steven Mauney at this Office on (919) 761-2351.

Sincerely,



Larry D. Coble  
Regional Supervisor

LDC/MSM/ARH/vm

cc: City of High Point, Industrial Waste Control  
Guilford County Health Department ✓  
Permits and Engineering  
Central Files  
WSRO