



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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Division of Waste Management

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July 25, 2008

Clarence Mills, Maintenance Manager
Mohawk-Karastan Plant
2007 Dickinson Ave.
Greenville, NC 27834

Re: **NOTICE OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAMINANT ASSESSMENT
AND CLEANUP**

Mohawk-Karastan Plant
2007 Dickinson Avenue
Greenville, Pitt County, NC
Site I.D. No. Pending

Dear Mr. Mills:

On July 8, 2008, the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch (Branch) of the Division of Waste Management's Superfund Section received information indicating that there may have been spills and ongoing leaks of chemicals which may have impacted soil or groundwater at the above referenced site. Specific areas of concern include, but are not limited to:

1. Chem Set Building: The concrete drain trough under the floor is cited as being cracked and in disrepair. The chemicals, which reportedly may include pesticides, acids and caustic soda, are said to drain to the trough and may have leaked into the subsurface.
2. Terra Cotta Drain Pipes, Junction Boxes & Manholes: The pipes and associated manholes, which conduct wastewater to the treatment system, are also cited as being in disrepair and may be a source of leaks to the subsurface.
3. Air Washer #3: Numerous chemical spills are asserted to have occurred at this location.
4. Cooling Tower: The chemicals used to clean cooling tower are reportedly discharged directly to ground.
5. Dye House: The associated pipes are also cited as being in disrepair and leaking.
6. Concrete Containment Pit: The concrete is reportedly cracked where six kettles in the containment area are claimed to have leaked in the past. The welds in the stainless steel liner of the containment pit are also reported to leak.
7. Concrete AST Containment Area: The concrete floor in the area of the acetic acid AST is cited as being in disrepair and could also be leaking.
8. Kettle #6 – Cake Breaker: The trough which collects liquids is also reported to be in disrepair and the drain pipes are reported to frequently collapse.

Regulatory jurisdiction regarding the possible release of hazardous materials or other non-natural substances at the above referenced site is under the jurisdiction of the Branch. The Branch is responsible for administering the North Carolina Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act (Act) of 1987 (N.C.G.S.

130A-310 et seq), which was enacted to establish a program for protection of the public and the environment from uncontrolled and unregulated hazardous waste sites that are not addressed by other environmental programs. Additional information regarding the Act, the functions of the IHSB and guidance for site assessment and cleanup can be found on our web site at <http://www.wastenotnc.org/sfhome/ihsbrnch.htm>. The Branch also has the authority to enforce 15A NCAC 2L regulations (Groundwater Quality Standards) and General Statute 143-215.75 et.seq., Oil Pollution and Hazardous Substance Control Act of 1978.

If discharges are occurring or have occurred at the site, then the first required action is to cease discharging all hazardous or other non-natural substances on the land or water of the state. If you are interested in proceeding with further assessment and cleanup activities at the site, you can volunteer to perform these activities under the Branch's voluntary cleanup program. To participate in this program and receive Branch approval, you must notify the Branch in writing that you wish to perform voluntary cleanup activities and also submit a completed Site Cleanup Questionnaire, which can be found at the above website. If documentation exists indicating that a release has not occurred at the site or that all prior releases have been cleaned up to meet state standards, or there is any other information about environmental problems at the site, please submit to the Branch.

If you are not interested in conducting a voluntary cleanup at this time and do not submit documentation indicating that the site has never had a release or has been cleaned up, the site will be addressed by the Branch in order of priority. At the time the site becomes a priority, the Branch will require the responsible parties to conduct assessment activities and any necessary cleanup of site contamination.

Please direct your responses to:

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Division of Waste Management, Superfund Section
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch
127 Cardinal Drive Extension
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405

If you have additional questions about the requirements that apply to your site, please contact me at (910) 796-7215.

Sincerely,



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Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch
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Division of Waste Management

Cc: IHSB – WiRO files

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