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Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to a letter I received from David Montague of the DEQ dated 12/12/89, a copy of which is enclosed. The letter states that on June 1, 1989 DEQ/WOD personnel witnessed the excavation of a UST at 1743 E. Yellowstone, Casper, Wyoming. My records show the tank was removed on 5/26/89 by Jim McIntosh Construction, copy enclosed. Present at that time was Jim McIntosh, two representatives from the Casper Fire Department and myself.

When the tank was taken out of the ground, water ran into the hole. The tank was placed alongside the hole and left there until 6/1/89 when it was removed by Jim McIntosh for disposal. The hole where the tank had been remained open from 5/26/89 thru 6/19/89 and had about 20" of water in it the entire time.

I made an unsuccessful attempt to contact DEQ personnel several times by phone to see when the area could be inspected. I was quite concerned about the open hole since I had leased the building and I felt I could not wait any longer for DEQ personnel to get to Casper and inspect it. I was concerned that someone could fall into this hole of water and be seriously hurt. Mr. Gruenwald who leases this property from us told me that someone from DEQ did look at the area one day but I was not called and no test was done then. I decided DEQ must have checked this location out and found no problems so I had Jim McIntosh close up the hole on 6/19/89.

As stated in my letter of 9/14/89 to David Montague the tank was empty and not in use for over a year. The Casper Fire Department did not find any evidence of contamination to the soil. The DEQ did not follow thru on their statement to me regarding testing the soil when I was present and so long a time went by before I had the hole of water filled in during which time I could not detect any odor or see any evidence of gasoline on the water in the hole and I feel it is unfair for me to have to spend money I have saved for my retirement to go back and test this area. I feel sure no harmful contamination exists.

I will appreciate your checking out this information and letting me know if you feel it is still necessary to have this area tested, and if so what is the least expensive way for me to do it if I have to pay for the test. I will be in Arizona until sometime in April and you may reach me at 1040 Paiute Place, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. Phone (602)855-5660.

I will appreciate your consideration in this regard.

Yours truly,

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