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SUBJECT: Limerick Generating Station, NPDES Permit PA0051923 Non-Compliance

Dear Mr. Newbold:

DESCRIPTION OF THE NON-COMPLIANCE

During the month of August 2000, the Limerick NPDES limit for oil and grease was not met for the daily maximum at outfall 201 (Holding Pond). The permit allows a discharge with a maximum daily oil and grease level of 20 mg/l.

On August 16, 2000, the daily maximum for oil and grease at outfall 201 was 21.1 mg/l, thereby exceeding the NPDES permit limit. In addition, the daily maximum for oil and grease was again exceeded on September 13, 2000 with a value of 21.4 mg/l, that too will result in a non-compliance for September. Backup sample analysis for these two dates confirmed the non-compliances. The monthly average for the month of August was in compliance.

No oily sheen was observed at any time at outfall 201.

CAUSE OF THE NON-COMPLIANCE:

The August 16 and September 13, 2000 non-compliances are currently under investigation. The backup samples were sent to the laboratory for confirmatory analysis. Both samples were analyzed for oil and grease by EPA 413.1 and 413.2 methodologies. The results of these analyses are as follows:

Date	EPA 413.1	EPA 413.2
August 16	31.8 mg/l	27 mg/l
September 13	30.2 mg/l	28 mg/l

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN:

The annual cleaning and inspection of the alpha oily waste separator is scheduled for the week of October 23, 2000.

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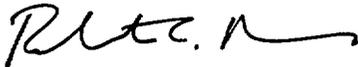
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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE:

A follow up letter detailing our findings and corrective actions taken will be sent to you, as soon as the investigation is complete.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Douglas Wahl at (610) 718-2733.

Sincerely,



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