

D. Scott Dibble

State Senator

District 60
Minneapolis

March 10, 2008



Senate

State of Minnesota

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to update you on the status of the petroleum tank release cleanup at the former Super America station located at 4000 Lyndale Avenue South.

I was recently informed that the petroleum cleanup investigation has been closed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). While this does not mean that all of the petroleum has been removed from the site, the MPCA has found that the cleanup has adequately addressed the release and that current petroleum levels are not dangerous to public health or the environment.

However, the findings also indicated increased levels of chloroform and carbon tetrachloride at the location. These findings were referred to the MPCA's Site Assessment Program, which is charged with conducting an initial assessment and assigning a priority to the site based on the concentration of contaminants.

Unfortunately, the MPCA has not yet finished the investigation into these new findings. I have been in touch with the MPCA staff to determine why the new investigation has not been started. Because I have not received an adequate answer to this question, enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to the agency seeking clarification as to why there has been a delay in the investigation, when the agency expects to finish the analysis, and how the priority level of the site will be determined.

I hope to have more definitive information from the MPCA shortly, and I will be sure to forward you copies of the agency's response as soon as I receive it. If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance in the meantime, please feel free to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Scott Dibble".

D. Scott Dibble
State Senator, District 60

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March 5, 2008



Senate

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Brad Moore, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road N.
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Dear Commissioner Moore:

I am writing to follow-up on the MPCA petroleum tank release investigation of the former SuperAmerica Station #4396 at 4000 Lyndale Avenue South in Minneapolis.

Your agency recently informed me that it concluded its investigation of the petroleum tank release and has closed the file based on the conclusion that the remaining petroleum contamination does not appear to pose a threat to public health or the environment.

However, in subsequent e-mails between your agency and my office, I was informed that the investigation revealed elevated levels of chloroform and carbon tetrachloride at the location. I was also told that the new discovery has been referred to the Site Assessment Program for further investigation.

I was notified that your agency has tentatively planned to look into the contamination at the site within the next few months. I am unclear as to why the investigation has not commenced and I would like to know the reason for the delay. As you may know, the site is located in a densely populated area and is in close proximity to Lake Harriet.

I respectfully request you provide clarification as to the current status of the investigation, so that I may adequately inform my constituents and respond to their understandable concerns. Specifically, I would like information on how long the investigation will take and how site priority rankings are determined. In addition, please let me know whether your agency plans to give area residents regular status updates regarding the investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Scott Dibble".

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January 9, 2008

Mr Jeff Keifer
Environmental Representative
Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC
Speedway Office
P O Box 1500
Springfield, OH 45501

RE: Petroleum Tank Release Site File Closure
Site: Former SuperAmerica Station #4396, 4000 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409
Site ID#: LEAK00016679

Dear Mr. Keifer:

We are pleased to let you know that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has determined that your investigation and/or cleanup has adequately addressed the petroleum tank release at the site listed above. Based on the information provided, the MPCA staff has closed the release site file.

Closure of the file means that the MPCA staff does not require any additional investigation and/or cleanup work at this time or in the foreseeable future. Please be aware that file closure does not necessarily mean that all petroleum contamination has been removed from this site. However, the MPCA staff has concluded that any remaining contamination, if present, does not appear to pose a threat to public health or the environment under current conditions.

The MPCA reserves the right to reopen this file and to require additional investigation and/or cleanup work if new information, changing regulatory requirements or changed land use make additional work necessary. If you or other parties discover additional contamination (either petroleum or nonpetroleum) that was not previously reported to the MPCA, Minnesota law requires that the MPCA be immediately notified.

You should understand that this letter does not release any party from liability for the petroleum contamination under Minn. Stat. ch. 115C or any other applicable state or federal law. In addition, this letter does not release any party from liability for nonpetroleum contamination, if present, under Minn. Stat. ch. 115B, the Minnesota Superfund Law.

Please note that as a result of performing the requested work you may be eligible to apply to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (Petrofund) for partial reimbursement of the costs you have incurred in investigating and cleaning up this petroleum tank release. The Petrofund is administered by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petro Board) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce. To learn more about who is eligible for reimbursement, the type of work that is eligible for reimbursement, and the amount of reimbursement available, please contact Petrofund staff at 651-297-1119 or 1-800-638-0418.

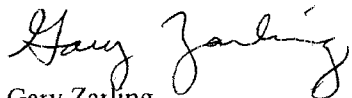
If future development of this property or the surrounding area is planned, it should be assumed that petroleum contamination may still be present. If petroleum contamination is encountered during future development work, the MPCA staff should be notified immediately.

Mr. Jeff Keifer
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For specific information regarding petroleum contamination that may remain at this leak site, please call the Petroleum Remediation Program File Request Program at 651-297-8499. The MPCA fact sheet *Request to Bill for Services Performed* must be completed prior to arranging a time for file review

Thank you for your response to this petroleum tank release and for your cooperation with the MPCA to protect public health and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 651-297-8598 or the site hydrogeologist Audrey Van Cleve at 651-297-8600. If you are calling long distance, you may reach the MPCA by calling 800-657-3864.

Sincerely,



Gary Zarling
Project Manager
Petroleum Remediation Program
Remediation Division



Audrey Van Cleve
Hydrogeologist
Petroleum Remediation Program
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cc: Mary Keefe, City Clerk, Minneapolis
Bonnie Bleskachek, Fire Chief, Minneapolis
Dave Jaeger, Hennepin County Solid Waste Officer
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Carbon tetrachloride

CAS Number: 56-23-5. A colorless, nonflammable, toxic liquid that has an odor resembling that of chloroform and is used as a solvent and a refrigerant. Chemical formula = CCl₄. Molecular weight = 153.8 g/mol.

Carbon tetrachloride may be found in both ambient outdoor and indoor air. The primary effects of carbon tetrachloride in humans are on the liver, kidneys, and central nervous system (CNS). Human symptoms of acute (short-term) inhalation and oral exposures to carbon tetrachloride include headache, weakness, lethargy, nausea, and vomiting. Acute exposures to higher levels and chronic (long-term) inhalation or oral exposure to carbon tetrachloride produces liver and kidney damage in humans. Human data on the carcinogenic effects of carbon tetrachloride are limited. Studies in animals have shown that ingestion of carbon tetrachloride increases the risk of liver cancer. EPA has classified carbon tetrachloride as a Group B2, probable human carcinogen.

Chloroform

CAS Number: 67-66-3. A colorless, volatile, heavy, toxic liquid with an ether odor used as a solvent or as a veterinary anesthetic. Chemical formula = CHCl₃. Molecular weight = 119.38 g/mol.

Chloroform may be released to the air as a result of its formation in the chlorination of drinking water, wastewater and swimming pools. Other sources include pulp and paper mills, hazardous waste sites, and sanitary landfills. The major effect from acute (short-term) inhalation exposure to chloroform is central nervous system depression. Chronic (long-term) exposure to chloroform by inhalation in humans has resulted in effects on the liver, including hepatitis and jaundice, and central nervous system effects, such as depression and irritability. Chloroform has been shown to be carcinogenic in animals after oral exposure, resulting in an increase in kidney and liver tumors. EPA has classified chloroform as a Group B2, probable human carcinogen.

[EDA Pollutant Information](#) may be available on this chemical.