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February 22, 1993

Ms. Caroline Kwan
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
26 Federal Plaza
Room 737
New York, New York 10278

Dear Ms. Kwan:

Attached please find responses to questionnaire as it relates to:

Second Request for Information Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.
Concerning Releases at the Tutu Well Field Site

Sincerely,



Alphonse Berne
Assistant Superintendent, Operations

AB/mw

cc: Dr. Linda Creque
Mrs. Yvonne Bowsky
Mr. Andrew L. Praschak
Mr. Leonard Reed



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MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Alphonse Berne
Assistant Insular Superintendent

FROM : Mr. Adlah A. Donastorg
Director, Plant Operations & Maintenance

SUBJECT : USEPA Request for Information

DATE : February 17, 1993

1. Following are responses to request for information from USEPA.

2. To the knowledge of all maintenance personnel, since the purchase of the Laga Building by the Department of Education (DOE), there has not been any oil water separators, waste holding tanks or any other similar structure at this facility. Mr. Pedrito Lanclos, (P.O. Box 692, St. Thomas, VI 00801; telephone (809) 775-2940) may have some information on rotten empty drums found within a storeroom in the facility. He indicated that the content of the drums smelled like cleaning solution and that there were no legible label.

3. See #2

4. See #2

5. Based on our data sheets (enclosed) we have never used chemicals that contain trichlorethylene, 1, 2 trans-dichloroethylene and methylethylketone.

6. See #5

7. See #5

8. See #5

- 9. See #5
- (a) No knowledge
- (b) No knowledge
- (c) No knowledge

10. Plan to extend the welding shop. Plans and specifications have not been started.

11. No vehicles are repaired at the facility. When vehicles are in need of repairs, they are either taken to the Government Motor Pool which is located at Crown Bay or to a private vendor for repairs.

12. To my knowledge there are no areas within the Department of Education facilities where used oil is handled or stored. Gasoline for running lawn mowers and weed eaters is obtained from the Government's Motor Pool in 1 and 5 gallon containers on a daily and weekly basis.

NOTE: Additional information may be had from Mr. Angel Robles who occupied a section of the facility after it was purchased by DOE. His address is Bordeaux #95, St. Thomas, VI 00802; telephone (809) 776-2927.

OR Mr. Moscoso who worked at the facility when it was used as a cloth factory and who may have a higher quality of information since he worked for the cloth company for many years before DOE purchased the building. His address is Fernando Moscoso, P.O. Box 4223, St. Thomas. VI 00801; telephone (809) 775-4308.

AAD/

Encl:

CERTIFICATE OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that I am under a continuing obligation to supplement my response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or my response thereto should become known or available to me.

ADLAH H. DONASTORG

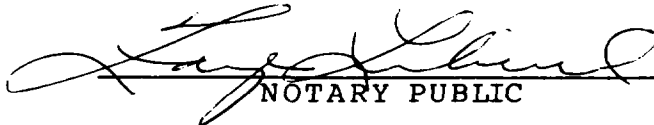
NAME (print or type)

DIRECTOR, PLANT OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

TITLE (print or type)


SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this
18th day of February, 1993.


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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Please supplement your previous response if information not known or not available to you as of the date of submission of your response has become known or available to you or has been found to be incorrect.
2. Is there or has there been any oil water separator, waste holding tanks or other similar structures at the facility? If the answer is yes, please describe the structure and location of each such unit at the facility and explain the use of each such unit. Include units which have been removed and/or shut down. Please attach a diagram or drawing of these units, the dates of their use and their location.
3. Is there, or has there ever been, any means by which fluids or sludge can escape or be discharged from such unit (i.e., an open overflow valve or pipe) that presently exists or existed at the facility?
4. If the answer to question 3 above is yes, has there ever been such a discharge or release? If so, please explain all the details surrounding such a release and submit any related documentation, including analysis. If a document is not available, please describe the document and explain why it cannot be provided.
5. By what means could hazardous substances such as: 1, 1, 1, trichloroethane, trichloroethylene ("TCE"), 1, 2 trans-dichloroethylene ("DCE"), tetrachloroethylene ("PCE"), and methyl-ethyl-ketone ("MEK") enter the units identified in the answers to question 2? Please be specific, and explain all possible means.
6. Does or did the facility conduct periodic sampling to determine whether hazardous substances have entered such units? If so, how often, and on what occasions? Please attach any such analysis.
7. Have or were such units periodically cleaned out or emptied, either completely or partially? If so, how often and on what occasions?
8. If the answer to question 7 above is yes, please explain how the removed liquids and/or sludges are or were handled and disposed of. Please include any sampling procedures and relevant documentation such as analysis, and manifests. If a document is not available, please describe the document and explain why it cannot be provided.
9. Please respond to the following question by giving a detailed description, if the answer is yes to any of the questions. Did the facility or any of its past employees transport, arrange for transportation, dispose, or arrange for disposal of:
 - a. any hazardous waste?

- b. any hazardous substance?
- c. any regulated substance?

10. Explain whether any construction, excavation or modification works are being currently conducted at the facility. Identify the extent of such activities, their purpose and provide copy of all government permits obtained in relation to such activity

11. Explain the method by which used oil is handled at the facility and the manner in which releases to the environment are prevented during the handling of such materials.

12. Identify employees or contractors of the Department of Education who are responsible for the general housekeeping of the areas of the facility at which used oil is handled and stored or has the potential for being released