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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Article Number: 7015 1730 0000 9218 7810
Richard Krindler
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Article Number: 7015 1730 0000 9218 7827
Paul Gurbatri
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Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Regulation
Request for Information: SDWA-UIC-IR-16-023
Colonie Plastics (UICID: 15NY10305017)
188 Candlewood Road
Bay Shore, NY 11706
Suffolk County

Dear Messieurs Krindler and Gurbatri:

An inspection of the facility referenced above was conducted on September 15, 2015. The inspection revealed that the facility may be operating underground injection wells subject to EPA jurisdiction under the Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA records indicate that the above-referenced facility has not inventoried any underground injection wells as required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§144.26, 144.27 and 144.83(a). EPA records also indicate that the above-referenced facility has not received authorization to emplace fluids into an underground injection well by permit, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §144.31, or by rule, in accordance with 40 CFR §§144.24 and 144.84. Failure to operate an injection well under authorization by rule or permit constitutes noncompliance with Underground Injection Control (UIC) program regulations. The UIC program regulations are designed to assure that the operation of injection wells will not contaminate underground sources of drinking water (USDW) and endanger human health.

Specifically, one or more drains at your facility were found to potentially discharge to an injection well such as a drywell, septic system or cesspool as follows:

- The facility employs 40 workers (3 workshifts) and 6 bathrooms tied to one potential cesspool. The cesspool location is noted by a lid, approximately 2 feet in diameter, located in the parking area on the north side of the building located approximately 30 feet from the building.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

Submit the following information within 30 days of receipt of this letter:

- Identify the discharge point for each of the bathroom drains at your facility. Acceptable options include as built diagrams of facility showing piping and sanitary discharge system.

  As required by 40 CFR §§144.26, 144.27 and 144.83(a), should any drains discharge to one or more injection wells, you must complete inventory forms for these injection wells. Enclosed is an inventory form (EPA Form 7520-16) and a request for information that must be completed if you possess a facility which uses an underground injection well. Also enclosed is a listing of Class V injection well types and instructions (Enclosure 1). Please use Enclosure 1 when filling out the inventory form. The form can also be found on the internet at:

  http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/7520-16_508c.pdf

- For any injection well inventoried above, you must submit a detailed description of all types of fluids that are or may be discharged into the injection well.

Please submit all information to the following address:

Nicole Foley Kraft, Chief
Groundwater Compliance Section
United States Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
Re: 15NY10305017
Attn: Charles Hillenbrand

REQUIRED WELL CLOSURES

If you operate a large-capacity cesspool (a cesspool which serves a multiple dwelling community or regional system or, for a non-residential system, has the capacity to serve 20 or more persons a day) you were to have closed the cesspool by April 5, 2005, as required by 40 CFR §144.88. Cesspools and septic systems are defined as follows:

- A cesspool is a drywell/leach pit that directly receives untreated sanitary waste containing human excreta. A cesspool system does not utilize a septic tank to retain and treat sanitary waste.

- In a septic system, sanitary waste is first discharged through a treatment device such as a septic tank, where solids are removed and biologic treatment occurs, and the treated sanitary waste is then discharged to a drywell/leachpit or to a drainfield.

If you operate a large capacity cesspool please contact Charles Hillenbrand at (212) 637-3951.

Pursuant to 40 CFR §§144.12 and 144.84, if you operate a motor vehicle waste disposal well, the Director of the UIC program will require that you properly close the well pursuant to a closure plan approved by EPA or obtain a permit for continued operation.

NOT OPERATING AN INJECTION WELL?

If you are certain that there are no discharges from this facility into a UIC Class V well, you must submit verification that all drains discharge to somewhere other than an injection well, such as the storm or sanitary sewer; surface water such as a stream, lake, etc.; or onto the ground surface. Examples of verification would be: 1) a letter from the superintendent of the Sewer Authority reporting that no drains at the facility discharge to an injection well and where they do discharge, or 2) results from a dye test performed by a licensed engineer or plumber proving the drain(s) discharge to somewhere other than an injection well or 3) an updated plumbing blueprint of the facility verifying where each drain discharges and that none discharge to an injection well.

Failure to respond to this letter truthfully and accurately within thirty (30) days may subject you to sanctions authorized by federal law. Please also note that all information submitted by you may be used in an administrative, civil judicial, or criminal action. In addition, making a knowing submission of materially false information to the U.S. Government may be a criminal offense.

If you have any questions please contact Charles Hillenbrand of my staff at (212) 637-3951 or by e-mail at hillenbrand.charles@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Doughlas McKenna, Chief
Water Compliance Branch

Enclosures

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