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Angela Carpenter, Acting Director
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United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Removal Action Site Submission
Mill Brook Oil Spill Site
Edison Township, Middlesex County
DEP/SRP PI #750951

Dear Ms. Carpenter:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) submits the Mill Brook Oil Spill site in Edison Township, Middlesex County that involves petroleum contamination impacting both the Mill Brook and Raritan River for removal action consideration under the federal Clean Water Act and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Due to an ongoing discharge of petroleum to the Mill Brook from a drainage culvert, DEP requests action both to contain the release and implement source control action to prevent contamination from impacting the two waterways. Due to numerous incidents in the past with petroleum discharges in this area, it appears sustained booming and action to address the source is imperative to address this site successfully.

A suspected source of the petroleum is an historic bulk fuel oil storage facility located both hydraulically and topographically upgradient from the current spill area. The bulk oil storage facility was a more than 50-acre facility that has since been subdivided into six separate parcels that have each been redeveloped. Information about these properties has been provided to EPA's Emergency Response Branch, and a site meeting was conducted on October 19, 2018 with DEP and EPA personnel.

Past investigations in the area by individual property owners have documented separate phase free product in the vicinity of the site. One report dated March 29, 2018 submitted by for Meadowview Associates/K&F Development LLC (PI#632481), located on one of the six parcels of the former oil storage facility, documented up to two feet of separate phase petroleum product in on-site monitor wells, while the report also noted the property owner is not a responsible entity for the contamination. On October 2, 2018, DEP conducted a CCTV inspection of a storm sewer line that has been impacted and has been discharging product into the drainage ditch that leads to Mill Brook and the Raritan River. Oil was found to be infiltrating the line at numerous locations.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues in further detail, please contact me or Fred Mumford, Superfund coordinator in the Site Remediation and Waste Management Program, at (609) 984-9769.

Sincerely,



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