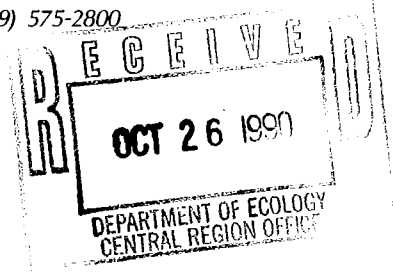


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TO: Files
FROM: Max Linden *max fl*
SUBJECT: Flying J & Leaton Restaurant Diesel Spills October 15, 1990

On October 15, 1990 at 0610 hrs. I received a call from the Ellensburg Fire Department (Steve Alder 962-7271) about a large diesel spill at the Broadway Truck Stop in Ellensburg also known as the Flying J. I responded and was on scene at approximately 0715 hours. There had been a diesel spill at the truck stop parking lot and a rain caused the diesel to disperse over much of the paved portion of the lot. The spill appeared to have been caused by over topping a tank during filling and the volume spilled was impossible to determine due to puddling rain water. At this time Damon Boarden, the Flying J Manager 925-6161, and I noticed a truck at the pumps which was leaking fuel from its saddle tanks. The truck belonged to G. Norman out of Langley B.C.. We talked with the driver who had just noticed it and was in the process of repairing it. I discussed the clean up of the parking lot with Damon and I left the site at approximately 0800 hours for another appointment and planned to return to the truck stop in approximately an hour.

I returned to the truck stop at approximately 0900 hours and the Fire Department was on scene at Leaton's Restaurant, David Leaton Owner 925-4321, with another reported diesel spill along the back of Leaton's lot, which is used for parking by truckers. The Norman truck had driven over a berm between the Flying J and Leaton lots and parked on the Leaton side. When going over the berm he damaged a fuel line and approximately 100 to 200 gallons of fuel leaked onto the gravel portion of Leaton's lot. The spill was in and along a ditch which drained into a larger flowing ditch which runs into Wilson Creek. The driver, Bill Norman, had not noticed the spill until at the Flying J pump when I had noticed it that morning. The spill at Leaton's had standing product and covered an area approximately 70 ft. long by 20 ft. wide. I informed Dave Leaton that the Water table was only 3 or 4 ft. deep and that he should get the diesel cleaned up. AER-EX, Inc., 925-9338, was called in to clean up the contaminated soil and was on site by noon.

In the meantime Damon Boarden of Flying J was using sorbents and sand to clean up their paved lot. The oil water separator on the Flying J lot was not working properly and could not be used to flush contaminated

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storm water into. All contaminated soil From the two lots, which amounted to around 300 cubic yards was hauled to a site owned by Mike Stougard of AER-EX at the NW corner of Damon St. and Main. Plastic was placed on the ground and the material was placed on it for land farming.

The Leaton cleanup was referred to Bob Swackhamer, WDOE, and the Water Quality section of the Central Regional office will handle the oil water separator contamination at the Flying J.

Names of responsible parties are as follows:

Flying J --- Damon Boarden, manager, 925-6161

Leaton's Restaurant --- Dave Leaton, owner, 9254321

G. Norman Trucking, Langley B.C., Tractor # 4599TL, Bill Norman, driver,
304-15158 Royal St., White Rock B.C. V4V1M3 Insurance # with ICBC
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Clean up contractor:

AER-EX, Inc.--- Mike Stougard & Mike Smith --- 925-9338

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Enclosures: Spill pictures
Spill site map

cc: Don Beery OSC
Bob Swackhamer, Clean up