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## DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE INSPECTION REPORT

TO: Kevin Fitzpatrick, file DATE OF VISIT: August 13, 1992 INSPECTOR: P. Elardo, D. Knutson PERMIT NO: WA-003116-0 (draft) PERMIT EXPIRES: n/a

## TYPE OF INSPECTION

 PERMIT APPLICATION
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 DROP IN
 X

FACILITY: Treoil Industries, Ltd.

ADDRESS: Cherry Point Industrial Park, PO Box 2399

CITY: Ferndale ZIP: 98248 PHONE NO.: 371-0777

PERSON CONTACTED: Satpal Sidhu

TYPE OF FACILITY: Distillation of tall oil

RECEIVING WATER: ditch system discharging to Strait of Georgia

TYPE OF TREATMENT SYSTEM: oil/water separation

OPERATIONS: Satis \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_ Unsat \_\_\_\_; Complies with permit conditions \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this inspection was to ascertain whether Treoil was continuing to discharge without a NPDES permit. A draft permit was issued to this facility in February of 1992. In March we received a letter from Mr. Sidhu explaining that they did not expect to be in production until after June 1, 1992. Issuance of the public notice has therefore been delayed.

## FINDINGS:

1. At the time of the inspection, the facility was not discharging. The gate was locked, and no one was present.

2. Oil contamination was present in the north sump as it was during the December, 1991, inspection. This indicates that the old spill was never properly cleaned up. I do not suspect they have discharged since the last inspection.

3. The soils around the sumps and the solid waste piles appeared contaminated with oil.

4. The south sump contained very turbid water. This water appeared to be entering the adjacent ditch drainage system.

5. Solid waste piles were haphazardly scattered about outside and inside the fenced property. An oily sludge was visible next to an empty drum.

FOLLOW UP:

- I will try to contact Mr. Sidhu to determine what the plans are for the facility.

- I will contact solid waste inspector Stuart Kent and the Whatcom County Health Department to report the improper disposal of solid waste.

- I will also contact Norm Peck in the Clean Up program as this facility may be considered a contaminated site.

Pam Elardo, P.E. Chemical Engineer Water Quality

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