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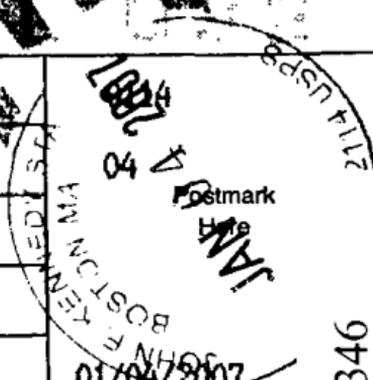


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URGENT LEGAL MATTER -- PROMPT REPLY NECESSARY
CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 4, 2007

Boston Edison (n/k/a NSTAR)
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Re: Supplemental Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) in relation to the former Whitney Barrel Company at the Wells G & H Superfund Site in Woburn, Massachusetts, hereinafter referred to as the "Site"

Dear Mr. Stevens:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your March 2004 response to the Request for Information sent pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA in relation to the former Whitney Barrel Company at the Wells G & H Superfund Site in Woburn, Massachusetts. In this response, you stated that "Boston Edison has been unable to locate any documents indicating that the Company did business with Whitney Barrel Company." You further stated that one of the company's employees believes that "Boston Edison may have purchased some 'open top drums' or 'storage drums' from Whitney Barrel Company."

However, documentation available to EPA indicates that Boston Edison sent used drums containing transformer oil and possibly other hazardous materials to the former Whitney Barrel Company for reconditioning. This documentation consists of two deposit slips which include handwritten notes on the back documenting transactions between Boston Edison and the former Whitney Barrel Company as well as excerpts from the interview and deposition of two former Whitney Barrel employees. These excerpts indicate that the former Whitney Barrel Company picked up used barrels containing transformer oil from a light company believed to be the Edison Light Company or Boston Edison. This documentation is enclosed for your review.

Consequently, EPA would like to obtain further information from you regarding the types and quantities of materials used and wastes generated by Boston Edison and the company's relationship to the former Whitney Barrel Company. Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), you are hereby requested to supplement your response to the initial 104(e) Information Request based on a review of the enclosed documentation. Please focus on reviewing and supplementing, as necessary, your responses to all sections of questions

3 (Respondent's Operations), 4 (Respondent's Wastes and Waste Streams), 5 (Respondent's Disposal/Treatment/Storage/Recycling/Sale of Waste) and 7 (Information Concerning Respondent's Association with the Whitney Barrel Company). However, please also keep in mind your continuing obligation to submit any responsive information discovered after your original 104(e) Information Request Response was submitted to EPA. A copy of the initial 104(e) Information Request is also enclosed for your reference.

While EPA seeks your voluntary cooperation in this investigation, compliance with the Information Request is required by law. Failure to provide a complete truthful response to this Information Request **within thirty (30) days** of your receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, may subject you to an enforcement action by EPA pursuant to Section

104(e) of CERCLA. This provision permits EPA to seek the imposition of penalties of up to thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500) for each day of non-compliance.

Please note that responses which are incomplete, ambiguous, or evasive will be treated as complete non-compliance with this Information Request. Also, be further advised that provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

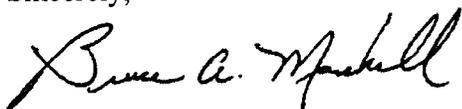
This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 et seq. Please mail your response to this Information Request to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Martha Bosworth, Enforcement Coordinator
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration (HBS)
One Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114
ATTN: Wells G & H Case Team

If you have general questions concerning this Information Request, you may contact Martha Bosworth, Enforcement Coordinator at (617) 918-1407. Technical questions concerning the Site should be referred to Joseph LeMay, the Remedial Project Manager at (617) 918-1323. If you have legal questions, or if your attorney wishes to communicate with EPA on your behalf, please contact Susan Scott, Enforcement Counsel at (617) 918-1778.

Due to the seriousness of the problem at the Site and the legal ramifications of your failure to respond properly, EPA strongly encourages you to give this matter your immediate attention and to respond to this Information Request within the time specified above. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Marshall, Chief
Search and Cost Recovery Section, Technical & Support Branch