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From: Lees, Christopher
Sent: 31 January 2012 15:09
To: MidsCentral, External Relations
Subject: FW: 1724/YD due by 03 Feb

Afternoon,

Please see the response below.

Many Thanks

Chris Lees
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From: Gallagher, Neil
Sent: 31 January 2012 15:07
To: Lees, Christopher
Subject: RE: 1724/YD due by 03 Feb

Chris, my reply to the enquiry below is as follows:

- 1 The concentration of the acid was between 97 and 118% expressed as phosphoric acid.
- 2 On being informed of the loss the site was attended by the EA on 4/4/2002 and as a result an Enforcement Notice was served on 5/4/2002. Amongst other things the Notice required a plan for the removal of the contaminated soil to be submitted to the Environment Agency for approval. This was duly done and the soil removed and disposed of through a licensed contractor. We do not have a record ten years later of the weight of soil removed or the site to which this was sent for disposal. Thus the soil was only removed from the site after the EA had been informed, had served an Enforcement Notice and had started the investigation.

Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Lees, Christopher
Sent: 26 January 2012 09:30
To: Gallagher, Neil
Subject: FW: 1724/YD due by 03 Feb

Morning Neil,

Please see the emails below. It relates to the loss of 22 tonnes of polyphosphoric acid at Rhodia and the subsequent conviction in 2003.

Many Thanks

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From: MidsCentral, External Relations
Sent: 26 January 2012 08:39
To: Flannery, Shirley; PPC Teams, Midlands Central
Subject: 1724/YD due by 03 Feb

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Please find below information request.

Reply due by: 03 February 2012

Please reply to: midscentral, external relations

Regards
Yvonne

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mr Carroll [mailto:request-101489-6a14d520@whatdotheyknow.com]

Sent: 24 January 2012 10:17

To: Enquiries, Unit

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Oldbury chemical company acid leak

Dear Environment Agency,
I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the freedom of information act and the environmental information regulations.

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

I am requesting information concerning the conviction of Rhodia Consumer Specialties in 2003 for polluting the ground with a loss of 22 tonnes of polyphosphoric acid at their Trinity Street site which took place in April of the previous year, for failing to maintain equipment on site, for failing to notify the agency of a leak and causing acid to enter ground water- relating to an incident where ground was polluted by acid from the plant.

I am seeking information held by the agency for which the company were fined a total of £19,151 (and not forgetting 85pence), relating to the following

(i) what was the concentrated grade of the polyphosphoric acid which leaked?

(ii) I am requesting any information held on file concerning the explanation of how this material and the surrounding ground to which was contaminated was dealt with by the company or works management, including the weight of said material for disposal and the location of the disposal site if given. Can you also confirm if the material in question had been excavated and removed offsite BEFORE the Environment Agency had been notified of the incident, several days after the incident had been discovered?

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Could you please provide by electronic means the answers to these questions at the whatdotheyknow.com website.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Carroll

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:
request-101489-6a14d520@whatdotheyknow.com

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