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NORTHEAST DISTRICT - JACKSONVILLE

*TO:

Don Trussell

Hazardous Waste Section, Tallahassee

THROUGH:

Ashwin B. Patel, Hazardous Waste Supervisor

Hazardous Waste Section

Vicky G. Valade, Environmental Supervisor√C√

Hazardous Waste Section

FROM:

Pamela Fellabaum, Environmental Specialist

Hazardous Waste Section

DATE:

February 26, 1992

SUBJECT:

Quadrex Environmental Company, Inc.

Hazardous Waste Inspection of January 16, 1992

Alachua County - FLD 980 711 071

Attached is subject inspection report.

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Attachments



Florida Department of Environmental Regulation

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Lawton Chiles, Governor

Carol M. Browner, Secretary

February 28, 1992

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT

Mr. Ben Warren Quadrex Environmental Company, Inc. Post Office Box 4100 Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Mr. Warren:

Quadrex Environmental Company, Inc. Warning Letter No. WL92-0296HW01NED Class II Hazardous Waste Violations DER/EPA ID FLD Non-Notifier Alachua County - Hazardous Waste

A hazardous waste compliance inspection was conducted at your facility on January 16, 1992. This inspection was conducted under the authority of Section 403.091, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 403, Part IV, Florida Statutes, in order to determine the compliance status of your facility with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 260 through 268, as adopted in Florida Administrative Code Chapter 17-730.

During this inspection, possible violations of rules regarding hazardous waste management were noted. These possible violations are described in the "Summary of Violations" section of the attached inspection report.

You are requested to contact Pamela Fellabaum of this office at (904) 448-4320 within 10 calendar days of receipt of this Warning Letter to arrange a meeting with Department personnel to discuss the issues raised in this Warning Letter. You may wish to consult an attorney and to have the attorney attend the meeting with the Department.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that this Warning Letter is part of an agency investigation preliminary to agency action in accordance with Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of potential violations and to set up a meeting to discuss possible resolutions to any potential violations that may have occurred for which you may be responsible. If after



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further investigation, the Department determines that the violations occurred you may resolve the violations by correcting the violations or, in some cases, by providing an acceptable time schedule within which the violations will be corrected.

Failure to respond in writing in 10 days may result in the initiation of a formal administrative enforcement proceedings through the issuance of a Notice of Violation and the assessment of penalties. If the Department issues a Notice of Violation, and you are named as a party, you will be informed of your rights to contest any determination made by the Department in the Notice of Violation.

Sincerely,

Ermest E. Frey, P.E.

Director of District Management

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Enclosure



Waste Management 448-4320

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HAZARDOUS WASTE INSPECTION REPORT

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FACILITY NAME Quadrex Environmental Company	
DER/EPA ID FLD <u>980 711 071</u>	
STREET ADDRESS 1940 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32606	
MAILING ADDRESS Post Office Box 4100, Gainesville, Florida 32606	
COUNTYAlachuaPHONE (904) 373-6066_DATE1/16/92TIME_10:30	
TYPE OF FACILITY:	All
Generator Status Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (100-1000 kg/month) XX Generator (>1000kg/mo) XX Hazardous Waste Fuel Marketer Storage XX Container XX Container XX Container XX Tank Waste Pile Surface Impoundment Surface Impoundment Surface Impoundment Surface Impoundment Surface Impoundment) .
TransporterDisposalNon-HandlerTransporterLandfillNon-HandlerTransfer FacilitySurface ImpoundmentWaste Pile	
2. Applicable Regulations:	
40 CFR 261.5_XX_40 CFR 26240 CFR 26340 CFR 264_XX_40 CFR 2 XX_40 CFR 266.34	65
3. Responsible Official: Mr. Ben Warren, Vice President	
4. <u>Survey Participants & Principal Inspector:</u> Mr. Warren, Quadrex Mr. Fleetwood, Quadrex Tom Seif, HRS Pam Fellabaum, FDER Dan Oakey, HRS	
5. Facility Latitude: 29°42′08" Section: 18 Longitude: 82°20′51" Township: 9S Range: 20E	
6. Type of Ownership: FEDERAL STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL PRIVATE	
7. Permit No.: <u>H001-169480</u> Date Issued: <u>9/28/90</u> Exp. Date: <u>9/27/9</u>	5_
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FAX

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Quadrex Environmental Company, Inc. Hazardous Waste Inspection of January 16, 1992

PROCESS DESCRIPTION:

Quadrex Environmental Company, Inc. is a waste processing and liquid bulking operation for liquid scintillation fluids (LSF). These fluids are used by researchers to detect small amounts of radioactivity from samples of research materials that have been immersed in the fluid. The LSF contain small amounts of xylene and toluene, and are therefore, regulated under RCRA as F003/F005 hazardous waste and are subject to the land ban regulations. Quadrex is also subject to NRC regulations due to the potential radioactivity of the LSF.

Brokers throughout the United States ship the LSF to Quadrex in drums containing either small glass or plastic vials or bulk liquids. Approximately ninety percent (90%) of the LSF arrive in vials and the remaining ten percent (10%) arrive in bulk liquids in lined drums. Both types of drums contain cushioning packing material, usually vermiculite.

After the paperwork corresponding to each drum has been checked, the drums are assigned a number and taken to the temporary holding area before processing. The drums that contain the LSF vials and packing material are processed inside the main facility building. The drum lids are removed, the drums are lifted by an air hoist and the contents are emptied onto a shaker screen. The packing materials that fall into a catch basin are radiologically tested and then put into a roll-off. This packing material is shipped to Chemical Conservation Company for use in the production of light weight aggregate.

The glass and plastic vials that remain on top of the shaker table are conveyed to a crusher. The fluid in the vials is drained into a basin, radiologically tested and then pumped to a 3,000 gallon above-ground tank outside. The broken glass and plastic are caught in a catch basket and rinsed in a solution of alcohol and water which is in turn radiologically tested then pumped to the 3,000 gallon tank.

The crushed, rinsed plastic/glass is visually inspected to remove any uncrushed plastic/glass containers and placed in a drum where any residual liquids drain to the bottom of the drum. The accumulated liquid is then drained off, tested, and pumped to the 3,000 gallon tank. The remaining glass/plastic is put into trucks and transported by A.R. Paquette to Harold Clifton in Garden City, Georgia for disposal in an industrial waste landfill.

The bulk liquids that are brought to Quadrex arrive in both trucks and containers. The liquids that test negatively radiologically are then pumped through a filter to the 3,000 gallon tank. The packing material and empty drums are tested and picked up by Chemical Conservation. The inner liners are rinsed and either returned to the broker or are picked up by Chemical Conservation. All filtered solid material (gloves and towels) are manifested and shipped to Southeastern Chemical in South Carolina.

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Liquids that test negative radiologically and have waste codes D001, F003, F005 are pumped to the 3,000 gallon tank. The hazardous waste fuel in this tank is manifested to Giant Cement Company. The tank has 100% secondary containment and a sump to contain any spillage. All underground piping has been brought above ground to comply with the 40 CFR 264 tank regulations. Liquids with waste codes that Giant Cement is not permitted to accept remain in the drums for transportation to other facilities including: Fisher Industrial Services, Detrex Corp., and Oldover Corporation.

All liquids that test positive radiologically are put into drums and placed in the main hazardous waste storage area for additional radiological decay. These drums were closed and were properly labeled.

All empty drums are radiologically tested and then loaded onto a trailer and sent to Drum Service of Florida in Zellwood.

Quadrex was issued Operating Permit #HO 01-169480 on September 28, 1990. The expiration date of the permit is September 27, 1995. The hazardous waste storage area has been built to permit specifications and consists of a covered, bermed concrete storage structure with secondary containment and sumps. The facility appears to be operating within its permitted storage capacity. There were approximately 600 55-gallon drums of hazardous waste inside the storage area. All of the drums were labeled with hazardous waste labels and with the dates of accumulation. Hazardous waste generated by Quadrex is also stored in the permitted storage area and all of these drums were closed and properly labeled. Two (2) 55-gallon drums of F003/F005 hazardous waste and two (2) 55-gallon drums of D001/F003/F005 hazardous waste accumulating in the permitted storage area were not marked with the dates of accumulation. Not marking these drums with dates of accumulation is a violation of 40 CFR 268.50(a)(2); however, facility personnel dated these drums during the inspection with January accumulation dates. In one area next to the 3,000 gallon storage tank, there were eight (8) 55-gallon drums of waste that had been generated by Quadrex. Adequate aisle space had not been provided for these drums.

A review of the facility's operating records found them to be in order. Manifests and accompanying <u>land ban</u> documents were also in order. The 40 CFR 268.50(a)(2) violation mentioned above will be referred to EPA for enforcement, since the State is not authorized for the Land Ban regulations.

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Summary of Violations

The following is a violation of the Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Section 17-730.180 which adopts and incorporates by reference Title 40 Code of Federal Regulation Part 265.

40 CFR 265.35 - Required Aisle Space

The owner or operator must maintain aisle space to allow the unobstructed movement of personnel, fire protection equipment, spill control equipment, and decontamination equipment to any area of facility operation in an emergency, unless aisle space is not needed for any of these purposes.

<u>VIOLATION</u>: Facility did not provide adequate aisle space for eight 55-gallon drums of hazardous waste accumulating adjacent to the 3,000 gallon hazardous waste storage tank.

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RECOMMENED CORRECTIVE ACTION

40 CFR 265.35

Facility provided adequate aisle space at the time of the inspection.

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