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March 31, 2010

Mr. J. B. Coomes, President
Coomes Oil & Supply, Inc.
P.O. Box 175
St. Augustine, Florida 32085

Re: Coomes Oil & Supply, Inc.
8 Hartshorn St., St. Augustine, Florida 32084
EPA/DEP ID: FLD 000 612 010
St. Johns County - Hazardous Waste

Dear Mr. Coomes:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received your letters dated March 16, 2010. Thank you for your letters and for meeting with our Hazardous Waste Section staff on January 19, 2010, to discuss the Department's August 17, 2009, Warning Letter that was sent to your facility. During the meeting, you indicated that your facility would no longer transport used oil and that information documenting your full return to compliance would be submitted to our office. DEP then offered to reduce the penalty from \$27,625 to \$9,000 (plus \$250 in investigative costs). The information you submitted on March 16, 2010, documents your facility's return to compliance for violations cited in the Warning Letter.

It is worth noting that a substantial adjustment to this penalty has already been made. After careful review of the significance of the violations and your facility's history of noncompliance with environmental regulations, the Department believes that the current penalty is both reasonable and appropriate. However, the penalty may be paid in four quarterly payments over a one-year period, and DEP is willing to schedule the first of these payments as late as July 1, 2010.

The Department would prefer to have your continued cooperation to resolve this case with a Short Form Consent Order. A draft order was previously emailed for your review on March 19, 2010, and a hard copy that includes the payment schedule

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described above will be mailed under separate cover. If the order is not signed and returned within the time frames stated, the District intends to refer this matter to our Office of General Counsel for further action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Strong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory J. Strong
District Director

GJS: jp