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<<Current Name>>  
<<Responsible Party>>  
<<Point of Contact>>  
<<Address>>  
<<City>>, <<State>>  
<<ZIP>>

Re: Portland-Bangor Waste Oil Company, Casco Site

Dear <<Dear>>:

**NOTICE OF POTENTIAL LIABILITY AND RELATED INFORMATION**

This Letter serves to notify you that your company has potential legal liability with respect to the Portland-Bangor Waste Oil Company, Casco Site (PBWO-Casco Site), located in Casco, Maine.

**SITE BACKGROUND**

The Portland-Bangor Waste Oil, Casco Site ("PBWO-Casco Site" or "Site") is located on Tenny Hill Road, in Casco, Maine. From 1969 to 1980, Mr. George West (deceased) operated a waste oil recycling facility at the location. During that time substantial volumes of wastes were spilled or deposited, contaminating soil and groundwater. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) conducted investigations at the site beginning in 1997. In 2003 and 2004 the MEDEP removed contaminated soil. Follow-up investigations found groundwater contamination migrating off the site. MEDEP is monitoring this groundwater contamination, which presently does not warrant active clean-up measures. Additional future work at the site includes working with affected landowners to restrict the use of groundwater, and assessing Natural Resource Damages.

**MEDEP COSTS**

As of November 29, 2008, MEDEP has incurred \$1,288,078 in expenses at the PBWO-Casco Site. MEDEP will incur additional expenses to assess natural resource damages, pursue settlement of any resultant natural resource damage claims as well as cost recovery claims, prevent the withdrawal of contaminated water for drinking, and monitor the natural attenuation of contaminants in groundwater.

## STATE FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS FOR SOME MAINE BUSINESSES

In 2007 the Maine Legislature passed a law to help pay the costs associated with the cleanup of four Portland-Bangor Waste Oil sites in Maine, including the PBWO-Casco Site. This law was subsequently amended in 2008. The "Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program" (10 Maine Revised Statute Annotated, Chapter 110, Subchapter 1-F, Section 1020-A) authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) to issue revenue obligation bonds to pay for "response costs" of certain eligible PRPs. A link to this law is posted on the MEDEP's web page at: [www.maine.gov/dep](http://www.maine.gov/dep). Only those PRPs that are found to be "eligible" will qualify for payment of their response costs. You should carefully review the eligibility criteria in the law, but in general the law covers parties which sent waste motor oil to the Site, including Maine government agencies and Maine businesses and their successors, specifically:

1. State licensed new car and truck dealers;
2. State licensed used car and truck dealers;
3. Some commercial auto repair shops;
4. Some fleet auto repair shops;
5. Some shops that preformed repairs on some special or other mobile equipment;  
and
6. Parties that sent less than 110 gallons of waste oil to the site.

The Maine Legislature intended to fund eligible parties at four different Portland-Bangor Waste Oil sites. Currently, the fund's revenue mechanism is insufficient to cover all eligible response costs.

### NEXT STEPS

MEDEP will use the following procedure to resolve your potential liability for this site. We encourage your participation in this process.

1. **Return Form:** To ensure that you receive all future pertinent documents and information, MEDEP requests that you fill out and mail or fax (207-287-7826) the enclosed form within 10 days of the time you receive this notice. The form requests a contact name, telephone number, email address, and current mailing address. Persons not responding to this request may not receive necessary information or notices necessary for you to resolve your liability with respect to this site, or to receive funding. Returning the form simply provides DEP with your contact information; it is not an admission of liability.
2. **Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) Meeting:** The MEDEP will hold a meeting on February 25, 2009 at MEDEP Response Building, 4 Blossom Lane, Augusta at 1:00 P.M. to which all of the Potentially Responsible Parties are invited. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for MEDEP to respond to any questions you may have, and for you to meet the other PRPs and discuss formation of a PRP group to represent the PRPs' interests. Directions to the meeting are available on the MEDEP's website. A representative from FAME

**PORTLAND-BANGOR WASTE OIL COMPANY, CASCO SITE  
CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

By January 25 2009:

Mail Completed Form to:

Or FAX Completed Form to:

PBWO-Casco Project Manager  
Attn: Kathy Howatt  
MEDEP  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

PBWO-Casco Project Manager  
Attn: Kathy Howatt  
MEDEP  
Fax Number (207) 287-7826

**Providing this information is not an admission of liability.**

To help ensure that you receive all pertinent information and notices to resolve your POTENTIAL liability related to the PBWO-Casco Site, please correct and add appropriate contact information. If all of the information is already correct, simply return this form to let us know that.

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**CURRENT COMPANY NAME:** <<Responsible Party>>

**Doing Business As, former names and/or Aliases:**

**Contact Name (s):** <<Point of Contact>>

**Contact Telephone Number(s):**

**Current Mailing Address(es):**

<<Address>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<ZIP>>

**Physical Address (if different from current mailing address):**

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Street Address

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Municipality

State

ZIP Code

**e-mail address(es):**

Please check this box if you planning to attend the PBWO-Casco Meeting scheduled for February 25, 2009.

Please indicate the number of persons planning to attend from your organization.