



State of Illinois
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 21, 2000

TO: Tod Rowe, Manager, Emergency Response Unit

FROM: Cheryl Kelley - OCS/ERU - Collinsville

SUBJECT: Marion Co/ Wamac - John Prior
IEMA# 2001370

On July 19, 2000, Alan Whitler of IDNR Mines and Minerals spoke to Cheryl Kelley about a Prior Oil Company 3 barrel crude oil spill near 312 Wabash in Wamac, IEMA# 2001370.

- Ken Mensing, Collinsville BOL Manager received a complaint from Harold Alexander that oil was on his property.
- This inspector met John Wamac who had a recovery truck at the spill site.
- There were three barrels of oil in Fulton Creek. The creek was impacted for 300 feet. Straw containment areas were scattered throughout the site. Oil was still in the creek.
- The cause of the release was vandalism. The screw cap was on the ground and the tank had been leaking. John Prior said that a police report was made because someone had opened the cap and unscrewed the valve.
- I spoke to Irina Smith a neighbor at the request of John Prior. Mrs. Smith saw the tank battery spill and the cap was off the valve.

