

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 7, 1997
TO: OCS/ERU File
FROM: Cheryl Kelley, Collinsville OCS-ERU
SUBJECT: Marion Co/Wamac-Mezo Oil Company - Crude Oil Spill
IEMA #971159

On July 22, 1997, this inspector arrived at the Mezo Oestreich #1 tank battery crude oil spill in Wamac at 11:30 a. m. (tanks register to - Mr. James Mezo and operated by Mr. John Pryor). There was at least one foot of oil and water in the newly built up fire walls. This amount of oil was not there during my last inspection with Tom Powell. The soil outside of the containment berm was still quite oily.

On July 28, 1997, this inspector conducted a site visit. Mr. Pryor and several crew were working in the production field on a production well for Oestreich #1 tank battery. This inspector spoke to Mr. Pryor at the Mezo Oestreich #1 tank battery, IEMA number 971159. Mr. Pryor stated that another oil competitor sabotaged his (2) two tank batteries (IEMA #971159 and IEMA #971314). This oil producer was angry because Mr. Pryor had purchased the Oestreich #1 tank battery before this other competitor. This inspector told Mr. Pryor that one of his tank valves was leaking oil at the Oestreich #1 tank battery. Mr. Pryor tried to tighten the valve but the tank continued to leak oil (See photograph). Mr. Pryor said that he did have a M&M approved valve on that tank and would replace it. Mr. Pryor said that this tank battery was just drained of oil and water only remained in the tank. Mr. Pryor said he planed to empty Kalver Kamp #1 tank battery in the Wamac City Park.

**PEOPLE'S
EXHIBIT**

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INSPECTION PHOTOS

DATE: 7-22-1997	SITE #:	CO.: MARION/WAMAC
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TIME: 11:45	SITE NAME: MEZO OIL COMPANY
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PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN

BY: CLK

Cheryl Kelley

COMMENTS: Pictures taken
toward:

IEMA # 971159

OESTEICH #1 TANK BATTERY

ROLL#: OCS 200

PHOTO#: 1



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OESTREICH #1 TANK BATTERY

ROLL#: OCS 200

PHOTO#: 2





INSPECTION PHOTOS

DATE: 7-28-1997	SITE #:	CO.: MARION
TIME: 1:20	SITE NAME: WAMAC/MEZO OIL COMPANY	

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN

BY: CLK

Cheryl Kelley

COMMENTS: Pictures taken
toward:
IEMA # 971159

ROLL#: 203	PHOTO#: 1
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PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY:

COMMENTS: Pictures taken
toward:

ROLL#:	PHOTO#:
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INSPECTION PHOTOS

DATE: 7-28-1997	SITE #:	CO.: MARION/WAMAC
TIME: 1:15	SITE NAME: MEZO OIL COMPANY	

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN

BY: CLK

Cheryl Kelley

COMMENTS: Pictures taken

toward:

IEMA # 971159

ROLL#: OCS 199

PHOTO# 12



DATE:

TIME:

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN

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COMMENTS: Pictures taken

toward:

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