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Allen V. McCloskey Sr.
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89 Kings Highway
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RE: Release of brine mixed with water

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

On Thursday, May 26th, 2005, Pinnacle Foods Corporation in Millsboro experienced a release of a brine mixture via storm drain outfall 004. This release occurred due to a pump failure at the tank yard lift station. The pump failed to come on as the water and brine entered the lift station. Eventually this material overflowed into the storm drain and was released.

Our second shift maintenance supervisor discovered that the tank yard lift station high level alarm was sounding at 6:10pm last Thursday evening. He immediately switched the pump to manual. The release was stopped at 6:15 pm. The amount of the release is unknown.

The second shift maintenance supervisor contacted me at home immediately. Once I arrived at the site I contacted the DNREC hotline. I also grabbed a sample of the material released. The analysis results are as follows; pH – 4.65su, BOD – 540 mg/l, TSS – 130 mg/l. We are unaware of any negative impacts on the receiving stream.

Maintenance was working at the lift station upon my arrival. Increased checks of the lift station have been implemented since then and the pump has been running fine.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 302-934-3833.



Sincerely,

Beth B Sise

Beth B. Sise
Environmental Control Mgr.

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