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October 8, 2008

RE:

Leachfield Sampling Results for Wright's Dry Cleaners 2510 Ave. G NW Winter Haven, FL

Dear Ms. Camp:

Value Environmental Services, Inc. (VES) was retained to assist Wright's Dry Cleaners with the potential solvent issues related to a recent septic tank sampling event. The facility had been in cleanup under the Dry Cleaner Program and had received a No Further Action designation. On April 16, 2008, the Polk County Department of Health (DOH) collected a routine sample from the septic tank that services this property. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected at 5.6 micrograms per liter (ug/L); above the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Groundwater Cleanup Target Level (GCTL) of 3.0 ug/L. Methylene Chloride was detected at 4.8 ug/L; below the FDEP GCTL of 5 ug/L. The FDEP requested additional groundwater sampling data from the downgradient site of the septic leachfield to determine if the PCE had spread beyond the septic tank.

On October 1, 2008, VES met with you and Andrea Stermer of Polk County to perform a facility inspection and collect groundwater samples downgradient of the septic tank leachfield.

**Facility Inspection** 

The facility had converted to non-solvent cleaners and the septic tank had been cleaned and drained several times. A new Union Nova 35 dry cleaning machine had been installed. There were still several 5-gallon containers of solvent condensate staged <u>inside</u> of the building inside of a secondary containment tray situated on the concrete floor. The facility operator explained that they could not afford to remove all of the containers at once, so they made arrangements with Safety Kleen to take one container per month. Although the condensate from the new dry cleaner machine was non-solvent based, the operator was disposing of the process water along with the solvent waste. No solvent-based materials were identified during the inspection. The County requested that the drum of petroleum-based cleaner be placed inside of secondary containment. The County and FDEP representatives were then satisfied with the facility condition and no re-inspection was required.

**Groundwater Sampling** 

VES identified an existing monitoring well on the south side of the septic area next to the garage wall (Figure 1). The well was constructed of 1" OD PVC with a total depth of 10'. The depth-to-water (DTW) was 3.5'. FDEP agreed that this well was adequately located and could be used for the groundwater sampling.

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VES collected groundwater samples from this well designated as "Leachfield-1." Sampling was performed per the FDEP Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prescribed sampling techniques. Prior to sampling, the water level was measured in the well and the purge volume was calculated. The monitoring well was purged using a Geotech peristaltic pump equipped with dedicated, disposable polyethylene tubing. Each well volume of water purged from the monitoring well was monitored for pH, conductivity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen using a YSI Model 556 multimeter and for turbidity using a Hach turbidity meter. The well was purged until temperature, pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity water quality parameters stabilized in accordance with the FDEP SOP. A total of five volumes had to be removed because the Turbidity stayed above 20 NTU.

Following well purging, the monitoring well was sampled in accordance with the FDEP SOP by removing the tubing from the well, reversing the direction on the peristaltic pump and decanting the groundwater into the appropriate, laboratory-supplied containers. Once collected, the groundwater samples were stored in an iced cooler for preservation. The groundwater samples were transported under proper chain-of-custody documentation to Millennium Labs, Inc. for the analysis of Volatile Organic Halogens (VOH) using EPA Method 8260. The Groundwater sampling log and field instrument calibration record are provided in Attachment A.

# **Analytical Results**

The laboratory analytical report is included in **Attachment B**. The results of the laboratory analyses indicated that PCE was <u>not</u> present above the laboratory method detection limit (MDL) of 0.23 ug/L. The compound cis-1,2 Dichloroethene (DCE) was detected at 19 ug/L; <u>well below the GCTL</u> of 70 ug/L.

#### Discussion

The interview with the facility operator and the facility inspection indicated that solvent-based cleaners were no longer in use at the site. The residual solvent waste containers were staged inside of secondary containment located on the concrete floor inside of the building. There were no proximal floor drains. Although the septic tank was reportedly drained several times, the tank had contained solvent wastes for over 20 years. The solvents likely seeped into the concrete walls of the septic tank and could be leaching into the septic fluids. Although the PCE concentrations detected in the septic tank fluids were above the GCTL, the relative concentrations were still relatively low. DCE is a degradation isomer of PCE. The absence of PCE and presence of DCE downgradient of the leachfield indicates that natural attenuation factors are in effect in the leachfield.

### Recommendation

It may take some time for the residual PCE to completely leach out of the concrete walls of the septic tank. Additional periodic draining of the septic tank may be beneficial. Due to the low concentrations, it appears that the leachfield is providing natural degradation of the residual PCE that does exit the septic tank.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call me at 727-542-2023.

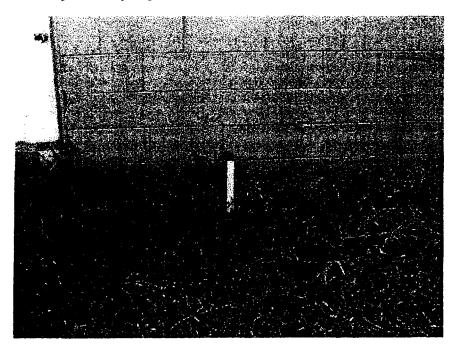
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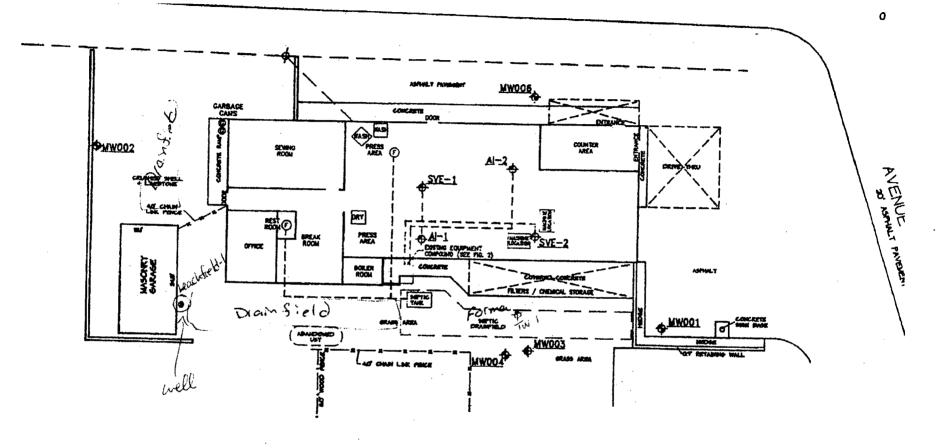
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View looking south from the septic tank down the leachfield. The monitoring well is located of the right of the garage door.



Close-up of the monitoring well, designated as Leachfield-1.



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