

TASK FORCE ON ABOVEGROUND OIL STORAGE TANKS

January 2, 2002

Senator John L. Martin, Chair
Representative Scott W. Cowger, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
120th Maine State Legislature
State House Room 437
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Martin, Representative Cowger, and Members of the Committee:

Chapter 714 of the Public Laws of 2000, Section 2 directed the Department of Environmental Protection to convene a Task Force to review the current framework for regulating aboveground oil storage tanks (AST's). The Task Force was directed to submit a final report on all AST's by January 2, 2002. The Task Force met 17 times.

The Task Force submits the attached final Report of its discussions. If the Committee would like more information about the Task Force's findings, please contact Richard Knowlton, who the Task Force has appointed to make an oral report if the Committee desires. Mr. Knowlton can be reached at 236-6851.

Respectfully submitted,

Task Force members:

Patricia Aho - Maine Petroleum Association
Carl Akeley - Maine Pulp & Paper Industry/ Great Northern Paper
Stephen Dodge - Office of the State Fire Marshal
Christopher Hall - Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Geoff Herman - Maine Municipal Association
Lisa Joy - Federal Facilities, Brunswick Naval Air Station
David Lennett - Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Paul Moody - Maine Oil & Solid Fuel Board
Richard Knowlton - Maine Water Utilities, Consumers Water Company
John MacKinnon - Friends of the Royal River
Raymond Poulin - Maine Fire Chief's Association
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