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David Bernhardt  
COMMISSIONER

February 9, 2015  
Subject: **catch basin cleaning**  
Location: **Region 1**  
**Amendment No. 2**

Dear Sir/Ms:

For your information and review:

The Bid Opening date of this contract has been changed to **February 18, 2015**.

Make the following change to the Bid Documents:

In the Contract Book:

**CHANGE** on page 9, "NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS", the bid opening date in the first paragraph from February 11, 2015 to read "**February 18, 2015**". Make this change in pen and ink.

The following question has been received:

**Question:** Section 0001 Floor Drain and Holding Tanks - Pumping; QTY 100,000 gallons. Addendum 1 Describes "Effluent from floor drains and holding tanks will be transported and dispose of at a properly licensed location in accordance with relevant and applicable rules, laws and regulations." The question was asked, "are these fluids from various tank locations identified as hazardous fluids?" Amendment 1 replies "the floor drain effluent is regulated by MDEP as a special waste and as such must be transported and disposed of in accordance with relevant and applicable regulations." MDEP regulations describe disposal of Non-Hazardous fluids from holding tanks as special fluid waste only with laboratory analysis testing of each tank contents. If any oil or hazardous fluids are identified, the entire contents of holding tanks is considered hazardous waste. Will Maine DOT be furnishing the analysis testing of all various holding tank contents for purposes of identifying the special fluid waste contents as Non Hazardous fluids for disposal? If fluids are found hazardous will there be allowances for the added cost of disposal of hazardous fluids?



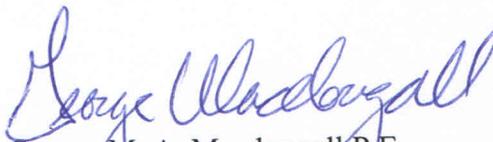
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**Response:** The effluent within our holding tanks is not defined as a hazardous waste. Under USEPA and MDEP regulations, hazardous wastes are defined based on whether specific uses or chemical makeup. The latter has specific thresholds that must be exceeded. For example, motor oil is not defined as a hazardous waste (unless mixed with a listed hazardous waste). We have a wealth of analytical data from various locations that demonstrates the material is not a hazardous waste.

With respect to special wastes, MDEP typically defines this material as not being a hazardous waste yet still with a chemical composition that would prove problematic if released to the environment. Finally, regardless of what the regulations state, MaineDOT has determined the most appropriate way to manage our effluent is as a special waste.

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on **February 18, 2015**.

Sincerely,



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