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October 24, 2006

Mr. Kenneth L. Hocks
Kenny's Auto
700 Saluda Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29205

RE: Kenny's Auto; Site ID #03333
Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report, submitted October 11, 2006
Richland County

Dear Mr. Hucks:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm a release of petroleum compounds at the referenced facility. According to the information the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control received, this release was identified on October 11, 2006 with the submittal of the referenced report. Several release sources are suspected to be located offsite (potentially from nearby gasoline stations) and from onsite storage tanks (one heating oil underground storage tank, one used oil aboveground storage tank, and one used antifreeze aboveground storage tank). To date, initial assessment activities have consisted of sampling and analyses of soil and groundwater.

Based on this information and data, a violation of the South Carolina Pollution Control Act has occurred in that there has been an unauthorized release of contaminants to the environment. Further, the data indicates that a violation of the South Carolina Water Classifications and Standards has occurred in that the Quality Standard for Class GB Ground Waters has been exceeded for benzene.

Please respond to the undersigned by January 16, 2007 with a proposal to confirm the Phase II groundwater results and to assess the extent of impacted soils. The groundwater flow direction and potential offsite groundwater contaminant sources should be determined. I have enclosed the guidance document "General Objectives and Components of Groundwater Assessments and Remedial Actions" which describes the general progression of a project. Please note that the Bureau of Water has implemented a process whereby all confirmed releases to the environment would be addressed either by a voluntary consent agreement or consent order, depending upon the situation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 898-4258.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Guidance document

cc: Robin Foy (w/o enclosure)
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