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Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 (6RC-D)
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

February 4, 2011

RE: RCRA-06-2011-5601;
Location: Ethio Mart 5200 S. I-35, OKC, OK 73129

To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of your concerns about the tank coating installed at the above location on the unleaded tank. My comments about the tank coating thicknesses were based on my opinion at the time of questioning. Everyday I get asked my opinion about petroleum and equipment related issues and I try to answer them to the best of my knowledge in order to help solve the problem. I have been in this industry since 1989 and I have lots of knowledge of many things some of which I know about tank coatings.

Yesterday, I was able to contact the original tank coating installer that we hired, Mr. Willie Gravitt with Advanced Sandblasting. I asked him about his tank coating procedures and his response was "I followed the EPA and OCC guidelines for the internal lining of tanks". He also recalled and commented that the tank in question was "in excellent condition and needed no repairs of any kind". With that being said, I now understand that my opinion made about the tank coating thickness was wrong. I have never been in the business of coating tanks; therefore, my statement about coating thicknesses was my opinion and not fact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SBH", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steven B. Hanska
RK Distributing, Inc.

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