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**State of Louisiana**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

July 21, 2015

Mr. Johnny Milazzo  
Board Member  
Louisiana Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund  
Lard Oil Co., Inc.  
P. O. Box 9  
Denham Springs, La 70727

Dear Mr. Milazzo:

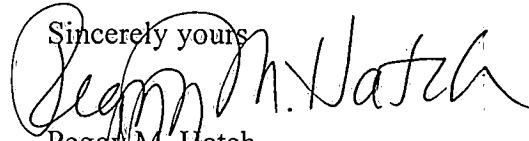
The Louisiana Legislature has passed, and the Governor has signed, Senate Bill 244 which has become Act 277 of the 2015 Regular Session. The Act amends the Louisiana Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund (MFUSTTF) statute to increase the eligibility limit for financial assurance reimbursement from one million (\$1,000,000.00) to one and a half million (\$1,500,000.00) per release. The Act has an effective date of August 1, 2015.

At the regular meeting of the MFUSTTF Advisory Board (Board) held on June 24, 2015, after being presented possibilities for implementing the Act, the Board expressed an interest in supplying input on implementation to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (Secretary or LDEQ) as part of its advisory role. The Secretary has reviewed the comments submitted to LDEQ and has made a decision on how it intends to comply with the Act. Given the stated purpose of the MFUSTTF to protect groundwater and to supply financial assurance to those owning and operating underground storage tanks, the Secretary has decided to implement the Act to insure that sites are cleaned up to the maximum amount.

Under this decision, the Act's new limit will be applied to any request for reimbursement for approved work meeting ordinary eligibility and cost control guidance requirements that is submitted August 1, 2015, or after, for work that has been completed within two years of the submittal, as provided in La. R.S. 30:2195.4(3)(b). This implementation will assure that all sites currently in active remediation that are rapidly reaching the previous financial assurance limit will be able to complete necessary clean up with the new limits, while still requiring LDEQ controls on the costs of clean up.

We trust that this correspondence will take care of any concerns you may have. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Jeff Baker at (225) 219-3917 to discuss.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy M. Hatch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "H".

Peggy M. Hatch  
Secretary, LDEQ

Cc: Senator Robert Adley  
Louisiana Senate District 36