Pratt & Whitney Division of United Technologies Corporation Agrees to Payment of a Civil Penalty for Alleged Underground Storage Tank Violations

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The Department of Environmental Protection entered into an administrative consent order with Pratt & Whitney Division of United Technologies Corporation ("Pratt & Whitney") on September 7, 2004 for allegedly violating the standards for underground storage tank systems. Pratt & Whitney owns two underground storage tank systems located at Aircraft Road in Middletown. The tank systems were allegedly not in compliance with the standards for new integral piping, release detection and were allegedly used or operated after the December 22, 1998 federal deadline for upgrading underground storage tanks, in violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. In addition, regulated substances were allegedly discharged from the underground storage tank systems to waters of the state without first obtaining a permit authorizing such discharge.

As part of the consent order, Pratt & Whitney has agreed to thoroughly empty the tank systems of all contents and ensure that no material is placed in the tank system until approved by the Commissioner. Pratt & Whitney is required to comply with leak detection requirements and to conduct an investigation to determine whether or not the tanks systems have leaked. Pratt & Whitney has also agreed to payment of a $10,000 civil penalty for the alleged violations.