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Claim No:[PCO-036-0067]

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Close Dt: 06/03/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0068

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Date: 04/19/2011 Type: File Loc Cha User ID: igftig

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Date: 03/10/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfidd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/10/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 10, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□r STYLE OF CASE:d New Jersey American Water Company v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□J CLAIMANT: □New Jersey American Water Company
□J CLAIM NUMBER: PCO-036-0067 and PCO-036-0068

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 26, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 26, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

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Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0067 and PCO-036-0068.

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The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Civil Conspiracy and Violation of the New jersey Spill Compensation and Containment Act. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Plaintiffs are requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages, to be proven at trial.

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Close Dt: 06/03/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0070

BAR DATE

Date: 03/10/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/10/08

□ Arizona Department of Insurance □Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872

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March 10, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□□STYLE OF CASE:) Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority

□J CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0069 and PCO-036-0070

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The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

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Date: 03/10/2008.

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

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Close Dt: 06/03/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0069

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Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

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BAR DATE

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Claim No:[PCO-036-0071]

06/08/2012 2:29 PM Page 3 of 7 Claim No **Policy No** Insured LOB Examiner **Status** PCO-036-0071 BOP8816174 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER iafidd Closed Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0072 BAR DATE Date: 03/10/2008 Type: User User ID: igfidd Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty □ Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/10/08 ☐ Arizona Department of Insurance ☐Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872 JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance www.id.state.az.us March 10, 2008 W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue **STE 200** 

El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation □STYLE OF CASE:q The Town of East Hampton v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al. □□INSURED:□Giant Industries □□CLAIMANT:□The Town of East Hampton □k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0071 and PCO-036-0072

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 27, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

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FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/10/2008 Type: New Claim User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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06/08/2012 2:30 PM Page 1 of 7 IGA Claim No **Policy No** Insured LOB **Examiner** Status PCO-036-0072 BOP8931246 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER igfidd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0071

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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{igftlg}

Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

CLOSED FILE

All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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BAR DATE

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Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

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American International Specialty (AIG)
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The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

Date: 04/02/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0071

BAR DATE

Date: 03/10/2008 Type: User User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/10/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863

☐ Facsimile: (602) 364-3872

JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS

☐ Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance

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March 10, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

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Date: 03/10/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0074

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Icfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} Icfileloc

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

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Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfidd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
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March 11, 2008

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 GIANT INDUSTRIES
 OTHER igfjdd
 Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

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User ID: igfjdd

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COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

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Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

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LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/10/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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IGA Claim No 36 PCO-036-0074 Policy No

BOP8931246

Insured

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Status Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009

DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0073

GIANT INDUSTRIES

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

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Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

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BAR DATE

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

Date: 04/02/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and

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06/08/2012 2:30 PM Page 3 of 7 IGA Claim No Policy No Insured LOB Examiner **Status** 36 PCO-036-0074 BOP8931246 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER igfjdd Closed Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0073

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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□ Governor □Phoenix, Arizona 85007 □Director of Insurance

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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□□STYLE OF CASE:q The Town of Duxbury v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
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□k CLAIM NUMBER:□PCO-036-0073 and PCO-036-0074

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Date: 03/10/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftig

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0076

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COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

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FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs. Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/10/2008

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0075

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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{igftlg}

Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0075

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Western Refining f/k/a Giant Industries has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. The named defendants are:

National Union (AIG)
Illinois National (AIG)
American Home (AIG)
American International Specialty (AIG)
Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
Assicurazioni Generali
The Fund

The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

The Complaint alleges that AIG has been involved in a factually similar matter in the same US District Court that is handling the MTBE litigation, referred to as the Sunco matter, where in it was found to owe a duty to defend under its CGL policies. AIG's position, and that which appears to have been upheld by the court, is that MTBE is not a pollutant, but a product as it is not harmful until an intervening cause leads to a spill or release. Thus, they have specifically excluded their excess insurers and pollution policies and are focusing on a products-liability claim. They claim the court has already ruled that joint and several does not apply and that a possible market-share allocation may apply, should liability be found against the manufacturers/distributors. The court also dismissed the punitive damage aspects of the claims stating they cannot apply on a market-share allocation claim.

They list all pending lawsuits against Giant in their factual scenario and are seeking coverage for all of the claims.

The Complaint does not name Home. It does note the insolvency and bar date. It glosses over the bar date and talks about the Fund owing they duties to the insured as the insolvent insurer would. This is incorrect and does not continue on to cite the "in accordance with the statutes" language in the Dickey case. They also claim the Fund has refused to supply them with copies of the policies. They fail to note that the policies were never requested from the Fund.

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: iafldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself by policyholder Giant Industries. It demands a defense from the Fund and from the other defendants, who are other insurers that provided coverage to the policyholder during the timeframe presented in the subject MTBE lawsuit. Complaint indicates multiple lawsuits for MTBE contamination filed by numerous plaintiffs, demands a defense from the insurers/Fund listed, and alleges bad faith specifically against other insurers AIG.

Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

Date: 04/02/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and

Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and has been denied. No response to denial. I will pend file for 90 days and close if no response.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0075

BAR DATE

Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User User ID: igfidd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Talenhane (602) 264 2862

□Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872

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☐ Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance

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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□□STYLE OF CASE:x The Town of Huntington/Dix Hills v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□The Town of Huntington/Dix Hills Water District

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0075 and PCO-036-0076

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 27, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

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Date: 03/10/2008Type: New ClaimUser ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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**Policy No** 

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**Status** Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009

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DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0078

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0078

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

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Type: User

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Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

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06/08/2012 2:30 PM Page 3 of 7 IGA Claim No Policy No Insured LOB Examiner **Status** 36 PCO-036-0077 BOP8816174 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER igfjdd Closed Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0078 BAR DATE Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User ID: igfjdd Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty □Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08 ☐ Arizona Department of Insurance □Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872 JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS Governor □ Phoenix, Arizona 85007 □ Director of Insurance www.id.state.az.us March 11, 2008 W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue **STE 200** El Paso, TX 79901 □□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation □□STYLE OF CASE:□The Town of Billerica et al. v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al. □□INSURED:□Giant Industries □□CLAIMANT:□The Town of Billerica et al. ☐ ( CLAIM NUMBER: ☐ PCO-036-0077 and PCO-036-0078

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**BAR DATE** 

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Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/10/2008

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Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Status Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009

DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0077

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

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{igftlg}

Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0077

BAR DATE

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: iafidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Western Refining f/k/a Giant Industries has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. The named defendants are:

National Union (AIG)
Illinois National (AIG)
American Home (AIG)
American International Specialty (AIG)
Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
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The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

The Complaint alleges that AIG has been involved in a factually similar matter in the same US District Court that is handling the MTBE litigation, referred to as the Sunco matter, where in it was found to owe a duty to defend under its CGL policies. AIG's position, and that which appears to have been upheld by the court, is that MTBE is not a pollutant, but a product as it is not harmful until an intervening cause leads to a spill or release. Thus, they have specifically excluded their excess insurers and pollution policies and are focusing on a products-liability claim. They claim the court has already ruled that joint and several does not apply and that a possible market-share allocation may apply, should liability be found against the manufacturers/distributors. The court also dismissed the punitive damage aspects of the claims stating they cannot apply on a market-share allocation claim.

They list all pending lawsuits against Giant in their factual scenario and are seeking coverage for all of the claims.

The Complaint does not name Home. It does note the insolvency and bar date. It glosses over the bar date and talks about the Fund owing they duties to the insured as the insolvent insurer would. This is incorrect and does not continue on to cite the "in accordance with the statutes" language in the Dickey case. They also claim the Fund has refused to supply them with copies of the policies. They fail to note that the policies were never requested from the Fund.

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself by policyholder Giant Industries. It demands a defense from the Fund and from the other defendants, who are other insurers that provided coverage to the policyholder during the timeframe presented in the subject MTBE lawsuit. Complaint indicates multiple lawsuits for MTBE contamination filed by numerous plaintiffs, demands a defense from the insurers/Fund listed, and alleges bad faith specifically against other insurers AIG.

Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

Date: 04/02/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and

Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and has been denied. No response to denial. I will pend file for 90 days and close if no response.

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Claim No:[PCO-036-0078]

06/08/2012 2:31 PM Page 3 of 7 IGA Claim No Policy No Examiner insured LOB **Status** 36 PCO-036-0078 BOP8931246 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER igfidd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0077

BAR DATE

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 11, 2008

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W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□□STYLE OF CASE:□The Town of Billerica et al. v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
□□INSURED:□Giant Industries
□□CLAIMANT:□The Town of Billerica et al.
□k CLAIM NUMBER:□PCO-036-0077 and PCO-036-0078

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 27, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0077

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: User

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There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0077 and PCO-036-0078.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 06CV01381, filed by 12 plaintiffs, the lead being the Town of Billerica. The Plaintiffs, either towns or water districts, are public water providers, assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to over residents in Massachusetts. The Plaintiffs filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Design Defect, Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Civil Conspiracy and Violation of the MA Oil and Hazardous Materials Release Prevention and Response Act. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Plaintiffs are requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages to be proven at trial.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

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LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/10/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0080

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Icfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} Icfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0080

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

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Date: 04/02/2008

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0080

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User User ID: iqfidd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□L STYLE OF CASE:o Port Washington Water District v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□u CLAIMANT:f Port Washington Water District

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0079 and PCO-036-0080

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Date: 03/10/2008

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0079

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

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Date: 06/09/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

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Western Refining f/k/a Giant Industries has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. The named defendants are:

National Union (AIG)
Illinois National (AIG)
American Home (AIG)
American International Specialty (AIG)
Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
Assicurazioni Generali
The Fund

The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

Date: 04/02/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and

Reviewed file on diary. Claim presented after the bar date and has been denied. No response to denial. I will pend file for 90 days and close if no response.

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description; ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0079

BAR DATE

Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863

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JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS

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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□GSTYLE OF CASE:o Port Washington Water District v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□u CLAIMANT:f Port Washington Water District

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0079 and PCO-036-0080

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 27, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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would like for us to consider, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0079

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

This is a first notice claim filed after the bar date and has been deemed late. Western Refining claims to have purchased all of Giant Industries stock as of 5/31/07, and is requesting the Fund review this matter for possible coverage as Giant was domiciled in AZ. The notice letter was received 2/28/08 and Home's bar date was 6/13/04. As such, a denial letter citing the bar date will be sent.

There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0079 and PCO-036-0080.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 04CV0381, filed by the Port Washington Water District (PWWD). The PWWD is a municipal corporation, assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to over 35,000 residents in Long Island, NY. The PWWD filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Violation of NY Business Law and Violation of NY Navigation Law. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the PWWD is requesting \$480 million in compensatory damages as well as \$2 billion in punitive damages.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

It is further alleged that in addition to soil and groundwater contaminations from spills, either industrial or by the consumer, MTBE, when burned through an engine, evaporates and returns through rainwater, thus making containment almost impossible.

It is claimed that the defendants, as far back as 1980, created the American Petroleum Institute and were members of the Toxicology Committee created to review MTBE. Named defendants Exxon, Shell, Mobil, Arco, Tosco and Chevron were listed to have been on the API Committee. It is alleged that they shared information regarding MTBE and its propensity to contaminate groundwater. Despite said findings, the defendants continued to refute EPA studies as to the effects of MTBE and its possible hazards even though various internal memos warned of said dangers. The defendants were also aware of multiple spills outside of NY that resulted in groundwater contamination by MTBE.

It is further claimed that despite the dangers of MTBE, the defendants chose to use it as an oxygenator that they already had on hand from refining rather that utilize another party for safer oxygenators such as Ethanol, while continuing to claim that its utilization created cleaner burning fuel that was more environmentally friendly. Subsequent studies refute that MTBE in any way helped keep the air cleaner.

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Overall, the Complaint generally alleges that the defendants knowingly used a harmful additive to gasoline, rather than a safer alternative, to boost profits. In addition, while doing so, they went to great lengths to combat studies showing the potential hazards of MTBE while all along knowing the harm they could cause, thus deceiving the EPA and the general public.

COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

- 1. BOP 8816174 (8/3/80-81) and extended by endorsement through 8/3/82
- 2. BOP 8931246 (8/3/82-83)

Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/10/2008

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User ID: igftig

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0082

BAR DATE

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0082

BAR DATE

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□i STYLE OF CASE:n Rosyln Water District v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

☐. CLAIMANT:a Roslyn Water District

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0081 and PCO-036-0082

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LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Notes - Claim and Loss

Claim No:[PCO-036-0082]

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0081

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

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Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Type: User

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Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0081

**BAR DATE** 

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Type: User

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

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Claim No:[PCO-036-0082]

06/08/2012 2:31 PM Page 3 of 7 Claim No Policy No Insured LOB Examiner **Status** 36 PCO-036-0082 BOP8931246 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER igfjdd Closed Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0081 BAR DATE Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User ID: igfidd Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty □Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08 ☐ Arizona Department of Insurance □Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □ Facsimile: (602) 364-3872 JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance www.id.state.az.us March 11, 2008 W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901 □□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation □i STYLE OF CASE:n Rosyln Water District v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al. □□INSURED:□Giant Industries ☐. CLAIMANT:a Roslyn Water District □k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0081 and PCO-036-0082

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 27, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

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Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0081

BAR DATE

Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

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There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0081 and PCO-036-0082.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 04CV5422, filed by the Roslyn Water District (RWD). The RWD is a municipal corporation, assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to over 17,000 residents in Long Island, NY. The RWD filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Violation of NY Business Law and Violation of NY Navigation Law. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the RWD is requesting \$480 million in compensatory damages as well as \$2 billion in punitive damages.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

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COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

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OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/11/2008 Type: New Claim User ID: igftig

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0084

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

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Date: 06/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Date: 04/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidn

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BAR DATE

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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□ Governor □ Phoenix, Arizona 85007 □ Director of Insurance

March 11, 2008

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W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□' STYLE OF CASE:} Town of Lakeville et al. v. Atlantic Richfield Company et al.
□□INSURED:□Giant Industries
□□CLAIMANT:□Town of Lakeville et al.
□k CLAIM NUMBER:□PCO-036-0083 and PCO-036-0084

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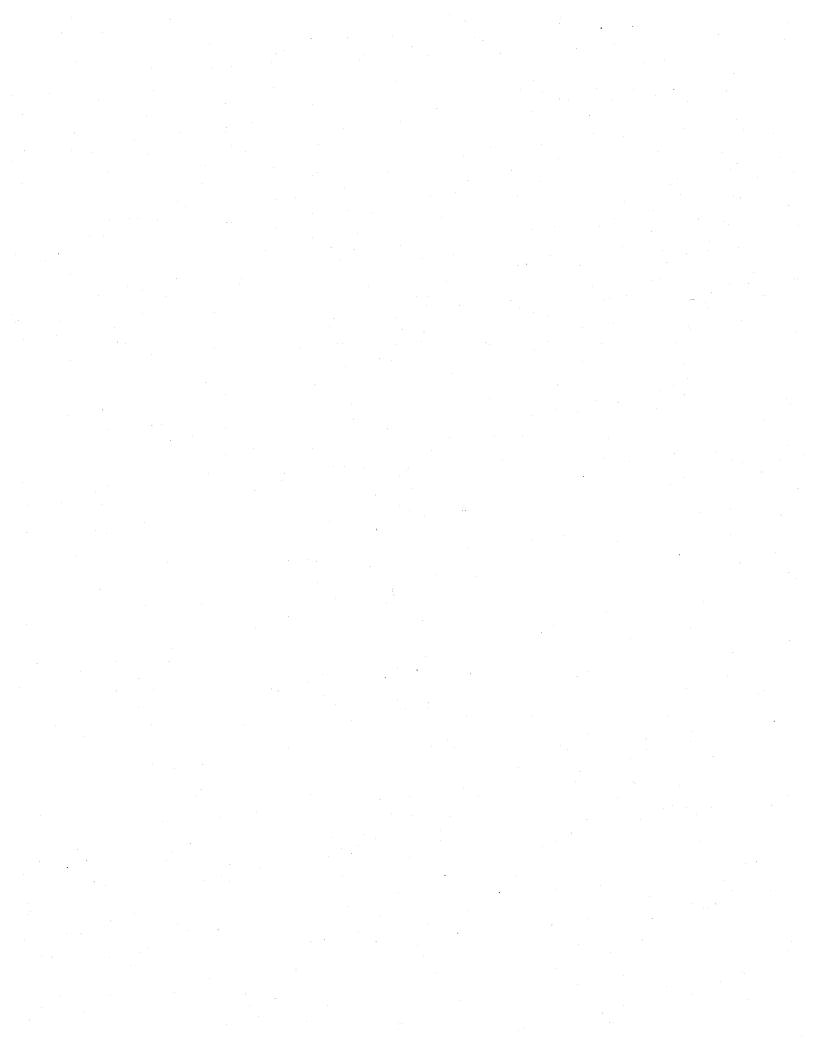
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Date: 04/19/2011 Type: File Loc Cha User ID: igftlg

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Claim No:[PCO-036-0084]

06/08/2012 2:31 PM Page 3 of 7 Claim No Policy No Insured LOB Examiner Status 36 PCO-036-0084 BOP8931246 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER igfjdd Closed Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0083 BAR DATE Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User ID: igfjdd Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty □ Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08 ☐ Arizona Department of Insurance ☐ Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □ Facsimile: (602) 364-3872 JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance www.id.state.az.us March 11, 2008 W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue **STE 200** El Paso, TX 79901 □ □RE: □Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation □' STYLE OF CASE:} Town of Lakeville et al. v. Atlantic Richfield Company et al. □□INSURED:□Giant Industries □□CLAIMANT:□Town of Lakeville et al.

Dear Mr. Chandler:

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0083 and PCO-036-0084

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 28, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

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Sincerely,

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0083

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

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This is a first notice claim filed after the bar date and has been deemed late. Western Refining claims to have purchased all of Giant Industries stock as of 5/31/07, and is requesting the Fund review this matter for possible coverage as Giant was domiciled in AZ. The notice letter was received 2/29/08 and Home's bar date was 6/13/04. As such, a denial letter citing the bar date will be sent.

There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0083 and PCO-036-0084.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in MA, 07CA11244, filed by 3 plaintiffs, the lead being the Town of Lakeville. The Plaintiffs are public water providers under MA law, assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to over residents in Massachusetts. The Plaintiffs filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Design Defect, Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, and Violation of the MA Oil and Hazardous Materials Release Prevention and Response Act. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Plaintiffs are requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages to be proven at trial.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

It is further alleged that in addition to soil and groundwater contaminations from spills, either industrial or by the consumer, MTBE, when burned through an engine, evaporates and returns through rainwater, thus making containment almost impossible.

It is claimed that the defendants, as far back as 1980, created the American Petroleum Institute and were members of the Toxicology Committee created to review MTBE. Named defendants Exxon, Shell, Mobil, Arco, Tosco and Chevron were listed to have been on the API Committee. It is alleged that they shared information regarding MTBE and its propensity to contaminate groundwater. Despite said findings, the defendants continued to refute EPA studies as to the effects of MTBE and its possible hazards even though various internal memos warned of said dangers.

It is further claimed that despite the dangers of MTBE, the defendants chose to use it as an oxygenator that they already had on hand from refining rather that utilize another party for safer oxygenators such as Ethanol, while continuing to claim that its utilization created cleaner burning fuel that was more environmentally friendly. Subsequent studies refute that MTBE in any way helped keep the air cleaner.

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COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

- 1. BOP 8816174 (8/3/80-81) and extended by endorsement through 8/3/82
- 2. BOP 8931246 (8/3/82-83)

Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - X-FILE #PCO-036-0086

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to this claim.

Date: 04/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: iqfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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BAR DATE

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Western Refining f/k/a Giant Industries has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. The named defendants are:

National Union (AIG)
Illinois National (AIG)
American Home (AIG)
American International Specialty (AIG)
Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
Assicurazioni Generali
The Fund

The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

The Complaint alleges that AIG has been involved in a factually similar matter in the same US District Court that is handling the MTBE litigation, referred to as the Sunco matter, where in it was found to owe a duty to defend under its CGL policies. AIG's position, and that which appears to have been upheld by the court, is that MTBE is not a pollutant, but a product as it is not harmful until an intervening cause leads to a spill or release. Thus, they have specifically excluded their excess insurers and pollution policies and are focusing on a products-liability claim. They claim the court has already ruled that joint and several does not apply and that a possible market-share allocation may apply, should liability be found against the manufacturers/distributors. The court also dismissed the punitive damage aspects of the claims stating they cannot apply on a market-share allocation claim.

They list all pending lawsuits against Giant in their factual scenario and are seeking coverage for all of the claims.

The Complaint does not name Home. It does note the insolvency and bar date. It glosses over the bar date and talks about the Fund owing they duties to the insured as the insolvent insurer would. This is incorrect and does not continue on to cite the "in accordance with the statutes" language in the Dickey case. They also claim the Fund has refused to supply them with copies of the policies. They fail to note that the policies were never requested from the Fund.

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Date: 04/04/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself by policyholder Giant Industries. It demands a defense from the Fund and from the other defendants, who are other insurers that provided coverage to the policyholder during the timeframe presented in the subject MTBE lawsuit. Complaint indicates multiple lawsuits for MTBE contamination filed by numerous plaintiffs, demands a defense from the insurers/Fund listed, and alleges bad faith specifically against other insurers AIG.

Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - X-FILE #PCO-036-0086

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863
□ Facsimile: (602) 364-3872

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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□□STYLE OF CASE:□Town of Middleborough et al. v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□Town of Middleborough et al.

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0085 and PCO-036-0086

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 28, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

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Date: 03/11/2008 Type: New Claim User ID: igftlg

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Type: User

User ID: igfldn

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Date: 04/10/2008

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Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□□STYLE OF CASE:□Town of Middleborough et al. v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
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Date: 03/11/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

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There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0085 and PCO-036-0086.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 06CV3741, filed by 6 plaintiffs, the lead being the Town of Middleborough. The Plaintiffs, either towns or cities, are public water providers, assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to over residents in Massachusetts. The Plaintiffs filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Design Defect, Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Civil Conspiracy and Violation of the MA Oil and Hazardous Materials Release Prevention and Response Act. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Plaintiffs are requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages to be proven at trial.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

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It is further claimed that despite the dangers of MTBE, the defendants chose to use it as an oxygenator that they already had on hand from refining rather that utilize another party for safer oxygenators such as Ethanol, while continuing to claim that its utilization created cleaner burning fuel that was more environmentally friendly. Subsequent studies refute that MTBE in any way helped keep the air cleaner.

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Overall, the Complaint generally alleges that the defendants knowingly used a harmful additive to gasoline, rather than a safer alternative, to boost profits. In addition, while doing so, they went to great lengths to combat studies showing the potential hazards of MTBE while all along knowing the harm they could cause, thus deceiving the EPA and the general public.

COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

- 1. BOP 8816174 (8/3/80-81) and extended by endorsement through 8/3/82
- 2. BOP 8931246 (8/3/82-83)

Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/11/2008 Type: New Claim User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

PCO-036-0087

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM PCO-036-0088

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011 Type: File Loc Cha User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/10/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/10/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM PCO-036-0088

**BAR DATE** 

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Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

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Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
Assicurazioni Generali
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The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

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They list all pending lawsuits against Giant in their factual scenario and are seeking coverage for all of the claims.

The Complaint does not name Home. It does note the insolvency and bar date. It glosses over the bar date and talks about the Fund owing they duties to the insured as the insolvent insurer would. This is incorrect and does not continue on to cite the "in accordance with the statutes" language in the Dickey case. They also claim the Fund has refused to supply them with copies of the policies. They fail to note that the policies were never requested from the Fund.

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Date: 04/04/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself by policyholder Giant Industries. It demands a defense from the Fund and from the other defendants, who are other insurers that provided coverage to the policyholder during the timeframe presented in the subject MTBE lawsuit. Complaint indicates multiple lawsuits for MTBE contamination filed by numerous plaintiffs, demands a defense from the insurers/Fund listed, and alleges bad faith specifically against other insurers AIG.

Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM PCO-036-0088

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/11/2008

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 11, 2008

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W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□e STYLE OF CASE:n Town of Wappinger v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
□□INSURED:□Giant Industries
□ACLAIMANT:o Town of Wappinger
□k CLAIM NUMBER:□PCO-036-0087 and PCO-036-0088

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 28, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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would like for us to consider, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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Type: User

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Date: 03/11/2008

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Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

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**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FiLE #PCO-036-0087

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Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/11/08
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March 11, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□e STYLE OF CASE:n Town of Wappinger v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□ACLAIMANT:o Town of Wappinger

□k CLAIM NUMBER:□PCO-036-0087 and PCO-036-0088

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It is further claimed that despite the dangers of MTBE, the defendants chose to use it as an oxygenator that they already had on hand from refining rather that utilize another party for safer oxygenators such as Ethanol, while continuing to claim that its utilization created cleaner burning fuel that was more environmentally friendly. Subsequent studies refute that MTBE in any way helped keep the air cleaner.

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Overall, the Complaint generally alleges that the defendants knowingly used a harmful additive to gasoline, rather than a safer alternative, to boost profits. In addition, while doing so, they went to great lengths to combat studies showing the potential hazards of MTBE while all along knowing the harm they could cause, thus deceiving the EPA and the general public.

COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

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FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Claim No:[PCO-036-0089]

06/08/2012 2:32 PM Page 1 of 7 **Policy No** IGA Claim No Insured LOB **Examiner Status** 36 PCO-036-0089 BOP8816174 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER igfidd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0090

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

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All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to this claim.

Date: 04/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

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The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

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Notes - Claim and Loss

Claim No:[PCO-036-0089]

Date: 04/04/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

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Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself by policyholder Giant Industries. It demands a defense from the Fund and from the other defendants, who are other insurers that provided coverage to the policyholder during the timeframe presented in the subject MTBE lawsuit. Complaint indicates multiple lawsuits for MTBE contamination filed by numerous plaintiffs, demands a defense from the insurers/Fund listed, and alleges bad faith specifically against other insurers AIG.

Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0090

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/12/2008 Type: User User ID: igfidd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/12/08 ☐ Arizona Department of Insurance □Telephone: (602) 364-3863

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Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance

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March 12, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation □□STYLE OF CASE:q United Water Connecticut v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□United Water Connecticut

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0089 and PCO-036-0090

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 28, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated. not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver. or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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would like for us to consider, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/12/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

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This is a first notice claim filed after the bar date and has been deemed late. Western Refining claims to have purchased all of Giant Industries stock as of 5/31/07, and is requesting the Fund review this matter for possible coverage as Giant was domiciled in AZ. The notice letter was received 2/29/08 and Home's bar date was 6/13/04. As such, a denial letter citing the bar date will be sent.

There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0089 and PCO-036-0090.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 04CV1721, filed by United Water Connecticut ("United"). United is a corporation who serves water to more that 25 CT residents and is deemed a water company per CT statutes and is assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to residents in Connecticut. United has four wells, two in New Milford and two in Woodbury, all of which either been contaminated by MTBE or have MTBE near them. United filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Trespass, Fraud, Civil Conspiracy, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Fraud, Civil Conspiracy, Violation of the CT Unfair Trade Practices Act, Violation of the CT Products Liability Act, Damages - Unreasonable Pollution and Action - Unreasonable Pollution. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Town is requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages to be proven at trial.

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LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftig

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Claim No:[PCO-036-0090]

06/08/2012 2:32 PM Page 1 of 7 IGA Claim No **Policy No** <u>Insured</u> LOB **Examiner Status** 36 PCO-036-0090 BOP8931246 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER igfjdd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0089

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Type: User

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Type: User

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0089

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/12/2008

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/12/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance

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March 12, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□□STYLE OF CASE:q United Water Connecticut v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

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Type: New Claim

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0092

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Date: 03/12/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

**Subject:** Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/12/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
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March 12, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□e STYLE OF CASE:n Village of Pawling v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□ACLAIMANT:o Village of Pawling

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0091 and PCO-036-0092

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The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

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The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Violation of NY Business Law and Violation of NY Navigation Law. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Village is requesting \$480 million in compensatory damages as well as \$2 billion in punitive damages.

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Date: 04/04/2008.

Type: User

User ID: igfidn

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Page 3 of 7 06/08/2012 2:33 PM Examiner Status Insured LOB Policy No Claim No IGA OTHER igfidd Closed GIANT INDUSTRIES BOP8816174 36 PCO-036-0093 Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0093 BAR DATE Type: User User ID: igfjdd Date: 03/12/2008 Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty □Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/12/08 □ Arizona Department of Insurance □Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872 JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS Governor □ Phoenix, Arizona 85007 □ Director of Insurance www.id.state.az.us March 12, 2008 W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue **STE 200** El Paso, TX 79901 □□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation □□STYLE OF CASE:□Water Authority of Great Neck North v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al. □□INSURED:□Giant Industries □□CLAIMANT:□Water Authority of Great Neck North □k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0093 and PCO-036-0094

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Sincerely,

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The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Violation of NY Business Law and Violation of NY Navigation Law. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, they are requesting \$480 million in compensatory damages as well as \$2 billion in punitive damages.

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OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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06/08/2012 2:33 PM Page 1 of 7 IGA Claim No Policy No Insured **LOB** Examiner Status 36 PCO-036-0094 BOP8931246 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER iafidd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0093

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Date: 06/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to

this claim.

Date: 04/10/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/12/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/12/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□ Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 12, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□□STYLE OF CASE:□Water Authority of Great Neck North v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

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Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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#### Notes - Claim and Loss

Claim No:[PCO-036-0096]

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0097

**BAR DATE** 

**Date:** 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Icfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} Icfileloc

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Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□ Arizona Property and Casualty
□ Insurance Guaranty Fund □ 03/12/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
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March 12, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□□STYLE OF CASE:□Water Authority of Western Nassau County v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□Water Authority of Western Nassau County

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0096 and PCO-036-0097

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Date: 03/11/2008

Type: New Claim

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Date: 06/19/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Date: 04/11/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

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#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

PLAN:

Date: 03/12/2008 Type: New Claim User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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**GIANT INDUSTRIES** 

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0098

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Date: 06/19/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0098

**Date:** 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: iafidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

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Date: 04/04/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

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LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

#### PLAN:

1. Deny coverage for bar date. Send denial letter to:

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

TELEPHONE (915) 534-1400

2. Diary for 30 days.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0098

Date: 03/12/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund 03/12/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
□Facsimile: (602) 364-3872

JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS
□ Governor□Phoenix, Arizona 85007□Director of Insurance

www.id.state.az.us

March 12, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□□STYLE OF CASE:( Water-Sewer Utility of City of Vineland v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
□□INSURED:□Giant Industries
□□CLAIMANT:□Water-Sewer Utility of City of Vineland
□n CLAIM NUMBER:e PCO-036-0098 and PCO-036-0099

Dear Mr. Chandler:

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Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0101

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011 Type: File Loc Cha User ID: igftlg

Subject: Icfileloc state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} Icfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

**CLOSED FILE** 

Type: User Subject: CLOSED FILE

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

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**BAR DATE** 

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06/08/2012 2:35 PM Page 3 of 7 Claim No Policy No Insured LOB **Status Examiner** 36 PCO-036-0100 BOP8816174 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER igfidd Closed Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980 Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0101 **BAR DATE** Date: 03/12/2008 Type: User User ID: igfjdd Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty □Arizona Property and Casualty □Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/12/08 ☐ Arizona Department of Insurance □Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872 JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS Governor Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Director of Insurance www.id.state.az.us March 12, 2008 W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue **STE 200** El Paso, TX 79901 □□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation ☐ STYLE OF CASE:n United Water New York v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al. □□INSURED:□Giant Industries ☐. CLAIMANT:a United Water New York

Dear Mr. Chandler:

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0100 and PCO-036-0101

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would like for us to consider, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

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Date: 03/12/2008

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Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Notes - Claim and Loss

Claim No:[PCO-036-0101]

06/08/2012 2:35 PM Page 1 of 7 <u>IGA</u> Claim No Policy No Insured **LOB** <u>Examiner</u> **Status** 36 PCO-036-0101 BOP8931246 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER igfjdd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0100

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

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Subject: CLOSED FILE

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Date: 06/19/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

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Date: 04/11/2008

Type: User

User ID: iqfldn

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0103

Date: 04/19/2011

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Date: 03/14/2008

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/14/08
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March 14, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□i STYLE OF CASE:n State of New Hampshire v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0102

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011 Type: File Loc Cha User ID: igftlg

Subject: lcfileloc\_state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} lcfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

All MTBE claims by Giant/Western have been dismissed as to the Fund and Receiver. All fee bills have been paid and no exposures remain. Closing file as planned.

Date: 06/19/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to this claim.

Date: 04/11/2008 Type: User User User ID: iqfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0102

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/08/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Received and reviewed Summons and Complaint.

Western Refining f/k/a Giant Industries has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Relief, Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. The named defendants are:

National Union (AIG)
Illinois National (AIG)
American Home (AIG)
American International Specialty (AIG)
Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
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The Fund

The AIG companies are the focus of the litigation. The Breach of Contract and Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith are only pled against AIG. The other named defendants are solely involved in the Declaratory Relief action.

The Complaint alleges that AIG has been involved in a factually similar matter in the same US District Court that is handling the MTBE litigation, referred to as the Sunco matter, where in it was found to owe a duty to defend under its CGL policies. AIG's position, and that which appears to have been upheld by the court, is that MTBE is not a pollutant, but a product as it is not harmful until an intervening cause leads to a spill or release. Thus, they have specifically excluded their excess insurers and pollution policies and are focusing on a products-liability claim. They claim the court has already ruled that joint and several does not apply and that a possible market-share allocation may apply, should liability be found against the manufacturers/distributors. The court also dismissed the punitive damage aspects of the claims stating they cannot apply on a market-share allocation claim.

They list all pending lawsuits against Giant in their factual scenario and are seeking coverage for all of the claims.

The Complaint does not name Home. It does note the insolvency and bar date. It glosses over the bar date and talks about the Fund owing they duties to the insured as the insolvent insurer would. This is incorrect and does not continue on to cite the "in accordance with the statutes" language in the Dickey case. They also claim the Fund has refused to supply them with copies of the policies. They fail to note that the policies were never requested from the Fund.

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself by policyholder Giant Industries. It demands a defense from the Fund and from the other defendants, who are other insurers that provided coverage to the policyholder during the timeframe presented in the subject MTBE lawsuit. Complaint indicates multiple lawsuits for MTBE contamination filed by numerous plaintiffs, demands a defense from the insurers/Fund listed, and alleges bad faith specifically against other insurers AIG.

Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0102

BAR DATE

Date: 03/14/2008

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/14/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 14, 2008

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W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation
□mSTYLE OF CASE:n State of New Hampshire v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.
□□INSURED:□Giant Industries
□. CLAIMANT:a State of New Hampshire
□k CLAIM NUMBER:□PCO-036-0102 and PCO-036-0103

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 29, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of February 29, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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would like for us to consider, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-CLAIM #PCO-036-0102

BAR DATE

Date: 03/14/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfidd

Subject: Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

This is a first notice claim filed after the bar date and has been deemed late. Western Refining claims to have purchased all of Giant Industries stock as of 5/31/07, and is requesting the Fund review this matter for possible coverage as Giant was domiciled in AZ. The notice letter was received 3/3/08 and Home's bar date was 6/13/04. As such, a denial letter citing the bar date will be sent.

There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0102 and PCO-036-0103.

This loss relates to suit in New Hampshire Superior Court, 03-C-550, filed by the State of New Hampshire ("The State"). The State filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Joint and Several Liability under RSA 146-A:14 and Deceptive Business Practices under RSA 358-A:2. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the State is requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

It is further alleged that in addition to soil and groundwater contaminations from spills, either industrial or by the consumer, MTBE, when burned through an engine, evaporates and returns through rainwater, thus making containment almost impossible.

It is claimed that the defendants, as far back as 1980, created the American Petroleum Institute and were members of the Toxicology Committee created to review MTBE. Named defendants Exxon, Shell, Mobil, Arco, Tosco and Chevron were listed to have been on the API Committee. It is alleged that they shared information regarding MTBE and its propensity to contaminate groundwater. Despite said findings, the defendants continued to refute EPA studies as to the effects of MTBE and its possible hazards even though various internal memos warned of said dangers. The defendants were also aware of multiple spills outside of NY that resulted in groundwater contamination by MTBE.

It is further claimed that despite the dangers of MTBE, the defendants chose to use it as an oxygenator that they already had on hand from refining rather that utilize another party for safer oxygenators such as Ethanol, while continuing to claim that its utilization created cleaner burning fuel that was more environmentally friendly. Subsequent studies refute that MTBE in any way helped keep the air cleaner.

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Overall, the Complaint generally alleges that the defendants knowingly used a harmful additive to gasoline, rather than a safer alternative, to boost profits. In addition, while doing so, they went to great lengths to combat studies showing the potential hazards of MTBE while all along knowing the harm they could cause, thus deceiving the EPA and the general public.

COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

- 1. BOP 8816174 (8/3/80-81) and extended by endorsement through 8/3/82
- 2. BOP 8931246 (8/3/82-83)

Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/12/2008 Type: New Claim User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Notes - Claim and Loss

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36 PCO-036-0104

BOP8816174

GIANT INDUSTRIES

OTHER igfjdd

Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FILE #PCO-036-0105

BAR DATE

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Icfileloc state Reassigned from {AZ} to {NY} Icfileloc

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

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Type: User

User ID: igfldn

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Date: 04/14/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

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Notes - Claim and Loss

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FILE #PCO-036-0105

BAR DATE

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User ID: igfjdd

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Type: User

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FILE #PCO-036-0105

BAR DATE

Date: 03/14/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/14/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance
□Telephone: (602) 364-3863
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March 14, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□s STYLE OF CASE: Cty of Suffolk and Suffolk Cty Water Authority v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□County of Suffolk and Suffolk County Water Authority

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0104 and PCO-036-0105

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 11, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of March 11, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

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User ID: igfjdd

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The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Violation of NY Business Law and Violation of NY Navigation Law. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Plaintiffs are requesting \$480 million in compensatory damages as well as \$2 billion in punitive damages.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

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Date: 03/14/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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Date: 04/04/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Rec'd Summons & Complaint filed against the Guaranty Fund itself

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Assigned lawsuit to adjuster to defend based on bar date and the presence of other insurance, etc.

#### Notes - Claim and Loss

Claim No:[PCO-036-0105]

06/08/2012 2:36 PM Page 3 of 7 IGA Claim No Policy No. insured LOB Examiner Status 36 PCO-036-0105 BOP8931246 GIANT INDUSTRIES OTHER igfidd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1982

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FILE #PCO-036-0104

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/14/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty

□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/14/08
□ Arizona Department of Insurance

□Telephone: (602) 364-3863 □Facsimile: (602) 364-3872

JANET NAPOLITANOe 1110 W. Washington, Suite 270 CHRISTINA URIAS

☐ Governor ☐ Phoenix, Arizona 85007 ☐ Director of Insurance

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March 14, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□s STYLE OF CASE: Cty of Suffolk and Suffolk Cty Water Authority v. Amerada Hess Corporation et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□County of Suffolk and Suffolk County Water Authority

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0104 and PCO-036-0105

Dear Mr. Chandler:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 11, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of March 11, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998, the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated, not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver, or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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This is a first notice claim filed after the bar date and has been deemed late. Western Refining claims to have purchased all of Giant Industries stock as of 5/31/07, and is requesting the Fund review this matter for possible coverage as Giant was domiciled in AZ. The notice letter was received 3/12/08 and Home's bar date was 6/13/04. As such, a denial letter citing the bar date will be sent.

There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0104 and PCO-036-00105.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 04CV5424, filed by the County of Suffolk and Suffolk County Water Association. The Plaintiffs are a municipal corporation and public benefit corporation respectively, assigned with the preservation and distribution of groundwater to over 1.1 million NY residents. The Plaintiffs filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Yorktown, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ, the same corporate location as Giant Industries.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Violation of NY Business Law and Violation of NY Navigation Law. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the Plaintiffs are requesting \$480 million in compensatory damages as well as \$2 billion in punitive damages.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

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Overall, the Complaint generally alleges that the defendants knowingly used a harmful additive to gasoline, rather than a safer alternative, to boost profits. In addition, while doing so, they went to great lengths to combat studies showing the potential hazards of MTBE while all along knowing the harm they could cause, thus deceiving the EPA and the general public.

COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

- 1. BOP 8816174 (8/3/80-81) and extended by endorsement through 8/3/82
- 2. BOP 8931246 (8/3/82-83)

Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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Date: 03/14/2008

Type: New Claim

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Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FILE #PCO-036-0107

**BAR DATE** 

Date: 04/19/2011

Type: File Loc Cha

User ID: igftlg

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Date: 06/05/2009

Type: User

User ID: igfjdd

Subject: CLOSED FILE

**CLOSED FILE** 

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Date: 06/19/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

Subject: Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file

Adjuster & management notes will be maintained in master file #PCO-036-0027, unless specifically pertinent to this claim.

Date: 04/14/2008

Type: User

User ID: igfldn

**Subject:** Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, Reviewed claim on mgr's diary. Handled appropriately. Thanks, John.

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06/08/2012 2:37 PM Page 2 of 7 IGA Claim No **Policy No** Insured LOB Examiner Status PCO-036-0106 BOP8816174 36 **GIANT INDUSTRIES** OTHER iafidd Closed

Close Dt: 06/05/2009 DOL: 08/03/1980

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BAR DATE

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Type: User

User ID: igfidd

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American Home (AIG)
American International Specialty (AIG)
Omaha Indemnity
Fireman's Fund
USF&G
Assicurazioni Generali
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**BAR DATE** 

Date: 03/14/2008 Type: User User User ID: igfjdd

Subject: Arizona Property and Casualty

□Arizona Property and Casualty
□Insurance Guaranty Fund □03/14/08
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March 14, 2008

W. Brent Chandler - Vice President Western Refining 123 West Mills Avenue STE 200 El Paso, TX 79901

□□RE:□Home Insurance Company, in Liquidation

□mSTYLE OF CASE:t State of New Mexico v. Atlantic Richfield Company et al.

□□INSURED:□Giant Industries

□□CLAIMANT:□State of New Mexico

□k CLAIM NUMBER: □PCO-036-0106 and PCO-036-0107

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PLAN:

Date: 03/14/2008

Type: New Claim

User ID: igftlg

Subject: Posted from Notice to Claim

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**BAR DATE** 

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User ID: igftlg

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We are in receipt of your letter dated March 11, 2008, requesting the Fund review the above captioned matter for possible coverage under Giant's liability policies with the now insolvent Home Insurance Company. Pursuant to the Home Liquidation Order, the court has established a filing deadline, or "bar date," for claims against Home of June 13, 2004, and no new claims will be accepted for coverage under the receivership estate after that date. The receivership had to receive notice of the claim prior to June 13, 2004 in order for coverage via the cancelled Home policy to apply. The first notice of the above claim was your letter of March 11, 2008. The Fund in turn forwarded a copy to the Receiver. As notice of this loss was not received prior to the bar date, it is deemed late.

The Fund must honor the bar dates established by receivership courts. In a resolution adopted on April 16, 1998. the Fund has specifically stated that "... any and all claims against the FUND, whether liquidated or unliquidated. not filed with the receiver or the FUND within four months from the date of the notice to creditors by the receiver. or on or before the claims bar date established by the receiver, whichever is later, shall be barred as to the FUND;" Notice of this claim was not provided prior to the bar date established. For that reason, we will not be able to extend coverage for this matter under the Fund.

The Fund reserves all statutory and/or policy defenses it may have in connection with this matter, whether stated or not in this letter. The Fund reserves its rights to modify its coverage position at any time upon receipt of additional information. Should you have any additional information regarding the notice of this claim that you

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would like for us to consider, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Draftz Senior Claims Adjuster (602) 364-3869

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 GIANT INDUSTRIES
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Claim Description: ALLEGED MTBE CONTAMINATION - SEE X-FILE #PCO-036-0106

BAR DATE

Date: 03/14/2008

Type: User

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Subject: Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

Reviewed new claim from the Home insolvency.

This is a first notice claim filed after the bar date and has been deemed late. Western Refining claims to have purchased all of Giant Industries stock as of 5/31/07, and is requesting the Fund review this matter for possible coverage as Giant was domiciled in AZ. The notice letter was received 3/12/08 and Home's bar date was 6/13/04. As such, a denial letter citing the bar date will be sent.

There are two files set up for this loss, one for each policy: PCO-036-0108 and PCO-036-0107.

This loss relates to suit in US District Court in NY, 06CV5496, filed by the State of New Mexico ("The State"). The State filed suit against numerous defendants, all dealing with the extraction, exploration, refining, design, manufacture, distribution or marketing of petroleum, specifically the creation and utilization of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Included in the list of defendants are; Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil etc... as well as the insured, Giant Industries. Giant is actually named as Giant Industries and Giant Industries of Arizona, Inc., and is listed to be domiciled out of Scottsdale, AZ.

The Complaint lists causes of action to include: Statutory Public Nuisance, Public Nuisance, Private Nuisance, Strict Liability for Design Defect, Strict Liability for Failure to Warn, Negligence, Trespass, Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act and Civil Conspiracy. They are seeking to have the defendants clean the water and install early warning MTBE detectors at the water tables. In addition, the State is requesting compensatory damages as well as punitive damages.

It is alleged that the defendants knowingly used MTBE, a chemical only created through the refining of petroleum, as a fuel oxygenator despite knowing its propensity to be highly water soluble and being a known carcinogen. MTBE has been found to spread further, faster and last longer than any other petroleum by-product, up to 24 times faster. It is not naturally found in gasoline and is only found as an additive. It also lasts much longer due to its resistance to natural and chemical forces.

It is further alleged that in addition to soil and groundwater contaminations from spills, either industrial or by the consumer, MTBE, when burned through an engine, evaporates and returns through rainwater, thus making containment almost impossible.

It is claimed that the defendants, as far back as 1980, created the American Petroleum Institute and were members of the Toxicology Committee created to review MTBE. Named defendants Exxon, Shell, Mobil, Arco, Tosco and Chevron were listed to have been on the API Committee. It is alleged that they shared information regarding MTBE and its propensity to contaminate groundwater. Despite said findings, the defendants continued to refute EPA studies as to the effects of MTBE and its possible hazards even though various internal memos warned of said dangers. The defendants were also aware of multiple spills outside of NY that resulted in groundwater contamination by MTBE.

It is further claimed that despite the dangers of MTBE, the defendants chose to use it as an oxygenator that they already had on hand from refining rather that utilize another party for safer oxygenators such as Ethanol, while continuing to claim that its utilization created cleaner burning fuel that was more environmentally friendly. Subsequent studies refute that MTBE in any way helped keep the air cleaner.

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Overall, the Complaint generally alleges that the defendants knowingly used a harmful additive to gasoline, rather than a safer alternative, to boost profits. In addition, while doing so, they went to great lengths to combat studies showing the potential hazards of MTBE while all along knowing the harm they could cause, thus deceiving the EPA and the general public.

COVERAGE: Giant Industries was insured by two Business Owner's policies with Home:

- 1. BOP 8816174 (8/3/80-81) and extended by endorsement through 8/3/82
- 2. BOP 8931246 (8/3/82-83)

Both are noted to have \$500,000 limits with a \$1,000 deductible to all claims. The copies of the policies and Dec pages that were forwarded by the Receiver include endorsement language such as Auto, Liquor, Accounts Receivable and Extended Business Liability but do not have the general liability coverage terms. It cannot be confirmed at this time if the Home policies would have afforded coverage for this loss. Areas of concern would be punitives, fraud, known hazard etc...

FUND COVERAGE: Loss was presented after the 6/13/04 bar date and is deemed late. As such, coverage will be denied.

OTHER INSURANCE: According to the schedule of insurers provided, the insured carried multiple primary and excess policies including GL, Excess Liability, Pollution Liability including certain policies for only pollution liability defense costs, Umbrella Liability and UST Pollution policies. There are very few policies that were issued by insolvent insurers such as Home and Reliance.

LIABILITY: Unknown at this time.

PENDS: Demand for coverage from Western Refining, successor to Giant Industries.

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