

# EXHIBIT 17

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**Attachments:** Egelrock Tank Count Shortfall - Update

We still have additional research to be done, but here is the latest.

As shown below, the Company's tank database shows 70,800 tanks. 57,200 of these tanks are definite, as they are either in the yards or at customer sites where the customer has recently purchased from us. 13,600 of these tanks are in the databases as at customer sites, but the customer has not purchased from us since May of 2002. Some of these 13,600 tanks may not be recoverable, but it will take quite some digging to find out.

The 70,800 tanks in the tank database do not reconcile with 2 other analyses done at the end of August. The first analysis was a calculation of the number of tanks based on our customer leases and showed 75,200 tanks. The second analysis was a calculation of the number of tanks based on subtracting the number of tanks sold from the number purchased. That analysis showed 75,600 tanks.

The difference between the 70,800 tanks in the tank database and the 75,000+ tanks in the other two analyses could be:

1. Tanks we have that are just missing from the tank database.
2. Tank sales since August (there have been some, but at most a few hundred, so this does not account for the difference).
3. Lack of accuracy of the tank database and the two analyses.

John Verbos is in the process of updating the latter two analyses. This should help reconcile the difference to some extent, but it is likely that we will end up with a material unreconciled difference. The cost of resolving such a difference could be huge, and not worth it to incur. However, we will have to determine the status of, and recover some of, the 13,600 tanks at customer sites where the customer is not ordering from us, at some point.

Note that the lease schedules show 73,800 tanks leased by the company.

Regarding the matching of serial numbers in the tank database to the leases, it would be a monumental task (4-6 man-weeks), subject to some error (say 5%, like manually counting ballots), to type all the serial numbers in from the lease schedules and attempt to match it to the tank database (which itself appears to be incomplete and may contain tanks we won't recover). Paul is looking into what serial number information from leases has already been entered into an Excel spreadsheet some time ago, and how usable it might be. We will let you know.

Steve

Tanks in Company's Tank Database, at a Customer Site and Customer has Purchased since 5/1/02	43,100
Tanks in Company's Tank Database, located in a Company Yard	14,100
Tanks in Company's Tank Database, at a Customer Site, Customer's Last Purchase was between 11/1/01 and 4/30/02	4,100

Tanks in Company's Tank Database, at a Customer Site, Customer's Last Purchase was prior to 11/1/01	<u>9,500</u>
Total Tanks per Tank Database	70,800

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