

Children's Hospital New Orleans Jet Fuel Decommissioning Update November 2020

Children's Hospital originally had aviation fuel tank capacity added to its new helistop because the hospital's old landing structure also had emergency fuel. However, after hearing concerns from the neighborhood, Children's Hospital applied for tank decommissioning with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The tanks were closed in place and made inoperable on November 3, 2020.

Please see the letter below from the contractor, Jones Brothers, regarding the jet fuel tank decommissioning.



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November 2, 2020

RE: Children's Hospital New Orleans – 200 Henry Clay Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118

Mr. Hover;

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your direction on behalf of LCMC/Children's Hospital to permanently close the 5,000 gallon Jet A underground storage tank of the Children's Hospital campus at the earliest possible opportunity.

As you know, we have received approval from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to move forward with permanent decommissioning of this storage tank via Closure-In-Place method. Associated piping has been removed and at present no fuel remains in the tank. As of 17 October 2020 the system was unable to receive or issue Jet A to any aircraft. These final measures assure that the storage tank is no longer able to be used for any purpose and will satisfy all regulatory requirements for permanent closure and termination of status as an active regulated storage tank.

On the afternoon of November 3, 2020 Jones Brothers Company will completely fill the underground storage tank with a sand/cement slurry permanently removing the tank from the active storage tanks registry. This status update will require acceptance and review of the final closure assessment report and will likely not be reflected on the LDEQ Electronic Document Management System for at least 60 days after completion of closure activities this week.

Rest assured we are taking action immediately to accomplish the permanent closure as directed and expect to complete these activities no later than 4 November 2020. As requested, updates via email and photos of the closure when underway will be sent to your attention for distribution to interested parties as needed. Any reports produced from LDEQ will be made available via email as soon as we receive the documents.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at my office or via mobile phone.

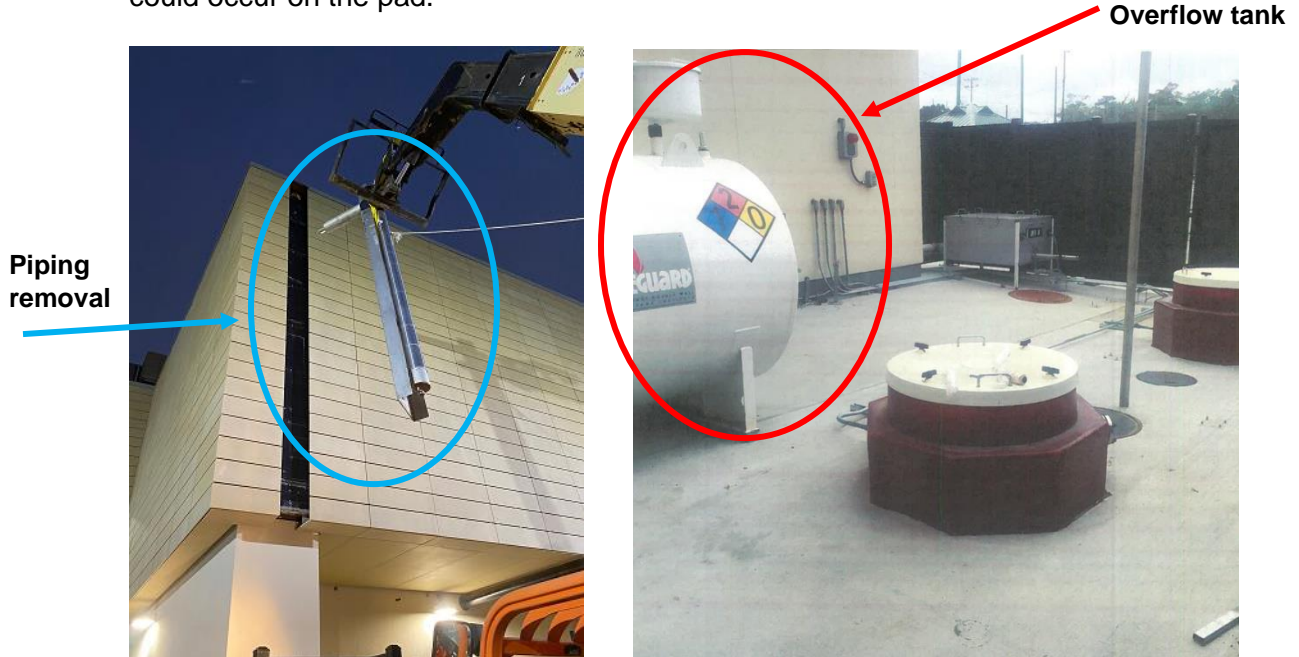
Respectfully,

Thomas E. Jones – President
Jones Brothers Company, Inc.

As noted in the letter, Children’s Hospital will not receive official documentation from the LDEQ until at least 60 days after the decommissioning occurred.

In addition to this work, please note the following:

1. The piping from ground level to the low roof parapet was removed
2. The remaining ground level jet fuel components were removed
3. The “overflow” tank (see circled below in red) at ground level must remain in place as per direction from the Louisiana State Fire Marshall’s office. This is not part of the fueling system, but is a requirement as long as the helistop is in use for any fluid spills that could occur on the pad.



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