



December 5, 2018

Juan Hernandez
5428 County Road W
Bancroft WI 54929

Subject: Petroleum Contamination, Bowens Garage
5428 CTH W, Bancroft WI
BRRTS# 03-50-106555

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

You are receiving this letter because you are registered as the current owner of the above referenced property according to the Portage County Register of Deeds. On July 18, 1996, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) was notified that gasoline related contamination had been detected at the property. Petroleum contamination was identified during the gasoline tanks' removal and confirmed through laboratory data.

The Responsible Party (RP), at the time the contamination was reported to the Department, was not able to restore the environment to state standards. Therefore, on September 23, 2009, the Department placed a Deed Affidavit on the property. According to Portage County records, the property was owned by Warren Bowen until 2017. The Department still consider, this property an Open LUST case.

The Hazardous Substances Spills Law (section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes) states:

"A person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance which is discharged or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge to the air, lands, or waters of the state."

By law, the Department can hold the "person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance which has been discharged" accountable. As the current property owners, you possess the property, and the hazardous substance present therein.

Due to known contamination present at the property, the Department requires additional investigation to determine the degree and extent of contamination. In the near future the Department will be issuing you a RP letter as the registered property owners. That letter will outline the requirements for proceeding with an investigation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or your property please call me at (715) 421-7862.

Sincerely,

Dee Lance
Hydrogeologist