



July 26, 2019

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W3705 SILICA ROAD  
FOND DU LAC WI 54937

Subject: Response to Request for Environmental Consultant Information  
Baker Property, W3705 Silica Road, Town of Taycheedah, WI  
BRRTS #: 03-20-109815

Dear Ms. Baker:

Thank you for your letter which I received July 8, 2019. In your letter you requested information regarding environmental consulting companies for hire which would assist in addressing the environmental contamination reported at W3705 Silica Road in the Town of Taycheedah, Fond du Lac County, WI 54937. Enclosed is a list of environmental consulting companies. This list is not all inclusive but can be used as a good reference. The list is arranged by city and includes several consultants in and around your area. In general, it is most cost effective to select an experienced local consulting company. You also stated in your letter that you would like to address the environmental clean-up as soon as next year. Thank you for this update. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will follow up with this in addition to recording a Notice of Contamination on your property until all the environmental obligations under Wis. Stat. § 292.11 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700- 754 have been satisfactorily met.

The DNR sent a letter on April 11, 2019, by certified mail, notifying you that you remain out of compliance and of the potential for filing a Deed Affidavit per Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11 unless a satisfactory response was given. Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11(2)(a) states: “The department shall send the property owner a letter, by certified mail, stating the department’s intention to record an affidavit at the county register of deeds office giving notice of the contamination, unless the property owner responds by the deadline in the letter indicating that the property will be promptly investigated and remediated in compliance with applicable statutes and rules or provides information which clearly demonstrates that there is no environmental contamination on the property.”

On June 10, 2019, in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11(2)(b), the DNR sent a second letter by certified mail stating the department intends to file a Notice of Contamination Affidavit unless you responded to the second letter in writing, within 30 days of receiving the letter, to inform the DNR of your plan to hire an environmental consultant and finish the necessary environmental response actions at your site.

In accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11(2)(c) an acceptable response was not received. Although you have expressed your intent to address the contamination as soon as next year, you have not complied with the specified requirements stated above. Therefore, the DNR will record a Deed Affidavit on your property which would notify the public and any potential buyers of the existing contamination and environmental liability associated with the property. Until such time that it is deemed you have satisfactorily addressed all the obligations under Wis. Stat. § 292.11 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 – 754, this Notice of Contamination Affidavit shall remain in place.

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Once it is deemed all the administrative and statutory obligations have been met, per Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11(3), the DNR shall record another Deed Affidavit to supersede the original Notice of Contamination Deed Affidavit stating that the contamination identified in the affidavit has been remediated or otherwise addressed to the satisfaction of the DNR.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or any other questions please contact your project manager, Tom Verstegen at 920-424-0025 or ([Thomas.Verstegen@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Thomas.Verstegen@wisconsin.gov)) or me at 920-662-5149 or ([Andrew.James@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Andrew.James@wisconsin.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James". The signature is stylized and appears to be written over a faint, light-colored stamp or watermark.

Andrew James  
Hydrogeologist  
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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Encl: Environmental Services Contractors List – December 05, 2018