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TO: Schneske Property (Former) File

FROM: Josie Schultz, Hydrogeologist

SUBJECT: November 6, 2019 Schultz Phone Conversation with Mr. Tim Czarneski, Responsible Party

Schultz called Mr. Czarneski at approximately 1:00 pm on November 6, 2019 to discuss plumbing work that his renters wished to perform at 127 Wisconsin Ave, Denmark, WI, and to let him know that she would be sending a letter, in which he provided his email address to send it to. Schultz told Mr. Czarneski that she was contacted by his renters' plumber as they wished to install a greasetrap, and that she advised them not to perform any work that cut through the floor.

Schultz asked Mr. Czarneski if he was ever made aware of the contamination at the property. Mr. Czarneski said a man from the DNR told him about the contamination after he purchased the property, and told him that it was fine as long as he never broke ground, and that there's a lot of sites in Denmark like this. He was told that as long as the building isn't added onto or ground isn't broken, nothing needs to be done. He said that the school wished to rent the building and wanted to add onto it, but were told they couldn't because of the contamination. The man from the DNR met him on site and told him that nothing can be done about the contamination, he just needs to not open the ground up at all.

Schultz clarified to Mr. Czarneski that the man was most likely referring to closed cases where an investigation and remediation was performed, and continuing obligations are applied, however this is an open site where a full investigation hasn't been performed. Schultz explained to him the risk with the contamination in terms of pregnancy, and that vapors from the contamination could potentially be entering the building. Schultz told Mr. Czarneski that in the letter we are requesting that vapor assessment be performed at the property, and that a consultant would need to be hired. He asked how much this vapor assessment would cost, and Schultz told him it's hard to say but most likely along the lines of \$10,000. Mr. Czarneski said that he doesn't have \$10,000 to do that, and that if that's the case he will kick out the renters and use it for his personal storage.

Mr. Czarneski asked Schultz why this is just now coming to light, and asked if it wasn't a priority 20 years ago, why is it a priority now. Schultz told him that as years go by, more research is done and studies have found these chemicals to be incredibly persistent and that they travel. What we knew 20 years ago about these compounds isn't the same as what we know today. He told Schultz that the building used to be a pizza place, and prior to that a man lived there for 5 years. He told Schultz that he wasn't trying to be difficult, but he had no idea that this was an issue and doesn't have the funds to do an investigation and would rather spend that money to tear the place down. I assured him that the building most likely wouldn't need to be torn down, but rather just assessed. Mr. Czarneski was busy snowplowing at the time Schultz called him and didn't have much time to discuss, but was very cooperative on the phone.

Sign: Josie Schultz

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