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February 28, 2018

Herriges Oil Inc ATTN: Raynor Herriges 1245 Fond du Lac Avenue P.O. Box 47 Kewaskum, WI 53040-0047

## **RE:** Request for Site Update

Herriges Oil Bulk Plant South, 215 Railroad Street, Kewaskum, WIWDNR BRRTS # 02-67-111819PECFA # 53040-9499-15

Dear Mr. Herriges:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is undertaking a project to address open environmental contamination sites that have been inactive for several years. We are sending letters to those property owners to determine the status of these cases and to request additional work, if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we try to resolve these old cases.

According to information in the case file, the DNR was notified on May 1, 1996 of petroleum contamination discovered during preliminary soil sampling on the property referenced above. Property records from Washington County identify you as the current owner of the subject property. As the property owner, you are responsible for investigating and restoring the environment at the property listed above under Wisconsin Statutes § 292.11, also known as the hazardous substances spill law. This law 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 water of the State."

## This letter is to remind you of your responsibility under Wis. Stats. § 292.11, as the current owner of the property, to address contamination at the site.

During our recent review of the case file for the above referenced property, the DNR found the most recent document to be a Report of Laboratory Analysis from Pace Analytical dated June 13, 2012. We have not received any written correspondence or reporting for this site since June 21, 2012. Please have your environmental consultant prepare and submit documentation regarding the status of this case. If you do not have a consultant, please notify the DNR in writing within the next **30 days** that you have hired a PECFA-registered consultant to complete the activities required to address the environmental



contamination on this property. Included with this letter is a list of PECFA-registered consultants and consulting firms for your convenience.

The sources of the petroleum contamination on this property have been identified as five aboveground storage tanks (AST) that were removed as of May 23, 2001. The tanks are identified as two 15,000-gallon unleaded gasoline tanks, one 15,000-gallon diesel tank, and two 15,000-gallon fuel oil tanks. Environmental investigation and cleanup work associated with the petroleum releases at this site are eligible for cost reimbursement under the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) program. A copy of the initial eligibility letter is enclosed for your reference. However, it is important that you are aware that reimbursement funding will not be available after June 30, 2020. Any claim submitted after this deadline will not be reimbursed. All reimbursement claims must be submitted to the DNR within 180 days of incurring the eligible costs. Refer to the enclosed PECFA Update, DNR RR-046 that contains important information about the end of the PECFA Program.

Your obligation to address environmental contamination associated with this property continues whether PECFA reimbursement funding is available or not. You are required to complete the work necessary to bring this case to closure. Therefore, it is in your best interest to complete PECFA-eligible cleanup work on your property as soon as possible.

By March 30, 2018, please inform the DNR in writing of your intentions to bring this case to closure. Be aware that periods of inactivity and non-compliance can affect PECFA reimbursement. In addition, the DNR can pursue **enforcement actions** if you do not respond to his request.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. If you or your environmental consultant has questions regarding this letter or the open environmental case at this property, please contact me through writing at the letterhead address, by phone at (414) 263-8541, or by email at madeline.salo@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Madeline Salo

Madeline Salo Hydrogeologist Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Enclosures:

-Claim Number and Site Eligibility 53040-9499-15, August 31, 2012 -Registered PECFA Consultants, table, September 2017 -Registered PECFA Consulting Firms, table, September 2017 -PECFA Update, August 2015

cc: Lee Delcore- DNR

