



October 6, 2015

Mr. David Plunkett
P.O. Box 04946
Milwaukee, WI 53204

RE: **Request for Site Update**
BRRTS #03-41-112118 FID #241830490
Vacant Property, 1836 S. 3rd St., Milwaukee, WI

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

On December 21, 1995, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was notified of petroleum contamination that was discovered during the removal of a 10,000 gallon underground storage tank at the subject address. After legal discussions between possible responsible parties, you were determined to be the property owner. Therefore, you are required to investigate and perform any necessary cleanup of contamination located at the property. Subsequent letters have been sent to you requesting an update regarding any actions that you have taken to fulfill your responsibility, with the most recent letter dating July 27, 2012. No responses have been received.

As the current owner of this property you have certain legal obligations, as outlined in Section 292.11 (3), Wisconsin Stats., also known as the Hazardous Substances Spills Law. Section 292.11 (3) 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.”

Moving forward, the first step you must take is to hire an environmental consultant to conduct a site investigation to define the degree and extent of contamination. The DNR should be notified when you have contracted with a consultant. Once the extent of the contamination in soil and groundwater is defined, and potential pathways for migration are assessed, you should be able to request case closure.

By November 9, 2015, please submit notification that you have hired an environmental consultant to conduct a site investigation as well as any information regarding this case that has not been previously submitted to the DNR. Keep in mind that the DNR can pursue enforcement actions if you do not respond to this request for information.

Information to help you select a consultant (WDNR PUB-RR-502), including a list of environmental services contractors (WDNR PUB-RR-024), are enclosed. More information regarding the contamination cleanup process can be found at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Cleanup.html>.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at the letterhead address or by telephone at (414) 263-8589. I can also be reached by email at: riley.neumann@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Riley D. Neumann
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Attachments: Selecting an Environmental Consultant, WDNR, September 2012
Environmental Services Contractors List, WDNR, March 2015