



Date: March 4, 2020

Sent Via Email To:

Mr. Issac Ross  
State of Wisconsin - Department of Natural Resources  
Milwaukee Service Center  
2300 North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3128

Subject: PFAS Sampling Letter  
Former Taxman Investments Company  
1214 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI  
BRRTS #: 02-41-152248; FID #: 241086120

Dear Mr. Ross:

We are writing in response to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR's) January 7, 2020 letter requesting that Marquette University (MU) evaluate the Former Taxman Investment Company property (Former One Hour Valet Drycleaner Site) located at 1214 West Well Street in Milwaukee ("Site") for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This Site is currently undergoing extensive soil and groundwater remediation by MU for drycleaning solvents released by former operators. MU, who never operated a drycleaner at the site, has and continues to expend significant money to restore the property for the known chlorinated solvent impacts caused by others.

Information included in the GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) "Site Investigation Report" dated February 24, 2012, indicated that three different tenants of the property operated drycleaning facilities at the Site beginning in 1961. Drycleaning operations ended when MU purchased the property in 2008. It is important to note that the drycleaning operations occupied a relatively small portion of the Site and would have necessarily been of a smaller scale.

MU staff has reviewed the records that were made available at the time the property was purchased. No information has been found that would indicate the possible use or release of PFAS compounds that the WDNR is inquiring about. In addition, our environmental consultant (Ramboll) contacted a representative of the Wisconsin Fabricare Institute, Inc. (WFI) to inquire if they were aware of any databases or sources for securing information regarding historical chemical use or services provided by former drycleaning facilities. WFI was unaware of any databases or consolidated sources of this type of historical information.

In summary, the operations were modest in scale, and MU currently has no information that leads us to believe that PFAS compounds were historically used, handled or stored at the Site. Furthermore, we have no evidence that a "discharge" of PFAS has taken place at the Site. As such, the need for PFAS sampling, as suggested in your January 7, 2020 letter, does not appear warranted. Should additional information become available in the future that indicates that a PFAS discharge took place at the Site, Marquette University will conduct the appropriate investigation.

Please feel free to contact me or our environmental consultant (Ramboll) should you have any questions or want to coordinate a call to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel M. Smullen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joel" being the most prominent.

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