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Mr. Joseph Brath Kewaskum House of Prayer 100 Clinton Street P.O. Box 73 Kewaskum, WI 53040

SUBJECT:

Kewaskum House of Prayer (formerly Kewaskum Living Waters Church)

100 Clinton Street, Kewaskum, Wisconsin BRRTS# 03-67-152319 and FID# 267161620

Dear Mr. Brath:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) is undertaking a project to address open environmental contamination sites where we have not heard from site owners or consultants in several years. We are sending letters to those property owners to determine the status of these cases and request additional work if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we try to resolve these old cases. Getting your site closed and taken off the Department's data base can facilitate redevelopment and/or sale of your property.

In our review of the Kewaskum Living Waters Church case file referenced above ("the Site"), the Department received notification from Sigma Environmental Services on June 17, 1997 that unleaded gasoline leaked from an underground storage tank removed from the Site on June 16, 1997 causing soil contamination and potential groundwater contamination. A letter addressed to your attention, dated July 10, 1997, requested the name of an environmental consultant who would direct additional investigation activities at the Site and established a deadline for submittal of a work plan and schedule. No further information has been received and it appears that no additional investigation or remediation has been performed at the Site since 1997.

Under Section 292.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance release (e.g., the owner of the property where a spill has occurred) is required to take actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable. Because the release of contaminants into soil and groundwater may have significant environmental or health implications, it is important that the extent and degree of the released contaminants be determined and that the contamination be remediated to the extent practicable.

Please submit the name, address and phone number of the environmental consultant you have retained to investigate the release at the site, along with a work plan and schedule for the investigation, within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have other information, such as reports or laboratory results from samples collected at the site, you should submit these as well. All applicable information should be submitted IN WRITING to:



Victoria Stovall
Remediation and Redevelopment Program
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Box 12436
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Correspondence should reference the Site name and BRRTS and FID reference numbers listed above. Please include a copy of this letter with your submittal.

Sites where discharges to the environment have been reported are entered into the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS), a version of which appears on the Department's internet site. You may view the information related to your site at any time (http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/brrts) and use the feedback system to alert us to any errors in the data.

If you want a formal response from the Department on a specific submittal, please be aware that a review fee is required in accordance with ch. NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. If a fee is not submitted with your reports, you should proceed under the advice of your environmental consultant to complete the site investigation to maintain your compliance with the spills law and chs. NR 700 through NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. **Do not delay the investigation of your site by waiting for a Department response.** We have provided detailed technical guidance to environmental consultants. Your environmental consultant is expected to know our technical procedures and administrative codes and should be able to answer your questions on meeting cleanup requirements.

If we do not hear from you, the Department may pursue enforcement action. It is in your best interest to take the necessary steps to obtain case closure for your site, as an open status can delay or prevent refinancing, sale or other actions pertaining to the Site. If you have questions on your responsibilities in this matter, I can be reached at (262) 574-2165.

Sincerely,

J. Gregory Moll, PG

Hydrogeologist

Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Southeast Region

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