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Subject: File Review of Open Environmental Case at EIS Brake Parts (Former)
133 Oak Street, West Bend, Wisconsin
DNR BRRTS # 02-67-152445, DNR FID # 267004430

Dear 5R Processors, Ltd.:

On April 27, 1979, Jim Schlosser, on behalf of the City of West Bend (City), notified the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that 55-gallon barrels of unknown liquid waste were being hauled from 133 Oak Street to the City landfill. It was later determined that the waste from the site was hazardous, and, subsequently, an environmental contamination case was opened.

This site was investigated and remediated until October 2012, when the DNR determined that the site had been cleaned up to the extent practicable. A conditional closure letter was issued on October 9, 2012 to the then current property owner, Praefke Brake and Supply, listing additional required items and the continuing obligations approved by the DNR to achieve final case closure. Since then, the DNR has received no further information and 5R Processors, Ltd. (5R) has acquired the property, becoming the new Responsible Party.

The DNR has concerns regarding the condition of the facility and the potential hazards within it. It is understood that 5R had their occupancy permit rescinded for failing to update the building to meet City requirements. According to the City building inspector remarks, the facility looks as if it were abruptly abandoned, as appliances are strewn throughout. Additionally, DNR staff have driven by the property and noticed footprints in the snow leading into the building. Due to the condition of the facility and the way in which it appears to be abandoned, it is a concern that potential contaminants exist in the building, and those entering it are at risk of exposure.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, please inform the DNR of the status of this site and your intention to bring the case to closure. If you fail to respond, the DNR can initiate the enforcement process.

If you have questions regarding this letter or the open environmental case, contact me at (414) 263-8589, or by email at riley.neumann@wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Riley D. Neumann
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