



May 15, 2019

Mike and Debra Skaife
6832 State Highway 18
Fennimore WI 53809

Subject: Site Visit and Discussion on Possible Remedial Actions

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Skaife:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at your property on May 14, 2018. We discussed the petroleum contamination associated with two 500-gallon tanks which were removed in December 1997. The tank documentation report states the tanks were bare steel with welded construction and in poor condition with visible holes. The discharge from these tanks resulted in both soil and groundwater petroleum contamination.

I explained approximately where the soil contamination is on your property and that removal of the contaminated soil would reduce associated risks to health and the environment. We discussed two possible excavation options. If we proceed with excavation, there will likely be some soil contamination which will be inaccessible due to proximity to your home and to the large cottonwood tree on the southwest side of your property.

- One excavation option would involve removing part to all of the retaining wall, excavating the soil on southwest side of your home in the front yard (in the area of the former tank bed), through the area currently occupied by a section of the retaining wall to part of your driveway access to the garage on the lower level of your home. The excavation would be backfilled and graded. We discussed the possibility of using rip rap for erosion control as the proposed excavation is in an area with a measurable slope to the north.
- The other option would leave the retaining wall in place. Two smaller excavations, in the upper tank bed area and in the drive access to your garage, would be performed. Both areas would be backfilled.

You noted your new private water supply well which is on the east side of your home and the septic system just north of your drive to the garage door. I assured you that we would not excavate in those areas. You agreed that excavation could be performed under our PECFA program but asked for the following considerations:

1. You would like a week notification prior to any excavation so that you could transplant your garden (currently in the area of the former tank bed) to another location.
2. You are hosting a family reunion at your property on the second weekend of August (August 10th) and request the excavation work is either completed two weeks prior or not begin until after the reunion weekend.
3. You request a 24-hour notification before the excavation contractors begin work on your property to make personal arrangements due to the noise that may result from the work performed.

Please let me know if you have any corrections to this summary or if you have any questions. I can be reached by phone at (608) 275-3295 or by email at janet.dimaggio@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



Janet DiMaggio
Hydrogeologist
Remediation & Redevelopment Program

c: General Engineering by email