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September 14, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Chris Collins Ochi Metroplex Auto Sales, LLC 3302 West Center Street Milwaukee, WI 53210

## RE: Enforcement – Initial Contact

**PECFA # 53210-2531-02-A** DNR BRRTS # 03-41-184166 Former Autoquip (Former Glenn's Service Station), 3302 West Center Street, Milwaukee

Dear Mr. Ochi:

The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), formerly the Department of Commerce, is requesting information regarding activities associated with petroleum contamination at the property located at 3302 West Center Street, Milwaukee. On February 5, 2010, DSPS sent you a letter notifying you of your responsibility to clean up the petroleum contamination (copy enclosed). It appeared as though you were going to hire an environmental consultant to conduct a site investigation as numerous conversations took place between you and Drake Consulting Group, LLC, and you and METCO. To date, no correspondence has been received to indicate that you have hired a consultant to fulfill your responsibility.

Funds are available from the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) to assist you financially with an investigation, remediation and eventual case closure. As you know, eligibility for reimbursement was previously established, however; the deductible has not been paid. In a letter dated March 30, 2010, DSPS approved a reduction of the deductible to \$8,905.88 along with an offer to waive the deductible by placing a lien on your property for that amount (copy of letter enclosed). You did not respond to this offer, nor did you take actions to move your case toward closure. It is possible that the deductible will be \$2,500 plus 5 percent of eligible expenses, but you must call Renee' Dickey, (608) 264-8765, to confirm that you will proceed with the site investigation with this deductible amount.

Within **30 days** of the date of this letter, please submit a plan, such as written verification that you have hired an environmental consultant, to fulfill your responsibility to address the petroleum contamination. Based on the limited site characterization conducted to date, this property appears to be a "low" to "medium" risk site and, under current regulations, properties such as yours require little or no cleanup action after an adequate site characterization and risk assessment are performed.

Many environmental consultants are willing to act as agents on PECFA clean-up sites. Having a consultant act as an agent means that the consultant is willing to manage and carry the clean-up costs on behalf of the responsible party until a claim for PECFA reimbursement is paid. You should speak with consultants directly if you are interested in using the "consultant as agent" approach to conduct investigation and/or remediation activities.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. If you do not respond to this request **within 30 days**, DSPS will pursue enforcement action. Please contact me in writing at the letterhead address or by telephone at (414) 357-4705.

Sincerely,

Monica Weis

Monica L. Weis Hydrogeologist Site Review Section

Enclosures