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**Lauridsen, Keld B - DNR**

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**From:** Lauridsen, Keld B - DNR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:02 AM  
**To:** 'DMuellerInd'  
**Subject:** RE: Exfoliate response 06-29-17

Thanks for your response Randy.

Closure is not an option at this point in time because not enough groundwater monitoring is available to determine if the contaminant plume is stable or receding after the remedy was implemented. It may also have to be evaluated if vapor intrusion is a concern.

I do not have any connections to UW Oshkosh and I'm not sure who Chris Lilek had conversations with about the potential for students collecting groundwater samples for you. I have contacted NWTC to see if any of their students could collect samples as part of a class project. I will let you know what I hear back from NWTC. Obviously, they will be unable to pay for any laboratory services. Glad to hear your willingness to pay for that portion.

I will be out of the office until early August. Hopefully, I will have some good news from NWTC upon my return.

Thanks,

-Keld

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**From:** DMuellerInd [<mailto:info@dmuellerindustries.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** Lauridsen, Keld B - DNR  
**Subject:** Exfoliate response 06-29-17

Keld,

Please see the attached for my response to your letter dated 05-31-17.

Thank you,  
Randy Mueller

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Re: Response to letter from 05/31/17

Keld,

I'm sure I want closure more than the state does. I'm happy you saw a magnitude of progress with the last lab result. During our 44 minute conversation March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 you said other sites more polluted than this site have been closed. Why then, can't this site be closed now?

Through my efforts, more than \$500,000 have been put into this site. Lawyers, consultants and laboratories have made easy money from this site. My countless time toward this site is time I could have been doing things of value to grow the business and it will go uncompensated and remain forever lost. All to clean up a problem the DNR knew of since October 16, 1979 at which time an agent with the DNR suggested an investigation into the presence of oil. At least the expensive chemicals used to clean up the site had a powerful, positive effect.

I've marveled that the large trees in the direct path of the plume have grown so sturdy. I've read where there's a global, cheap method to clean up environmental pollution call phytoremediation. It's my understanding you're using that process at Fond du Lac's Quicfrez site, after the failed costly lasagna method. Between phytoremediation and natural attenuation, along with the successful introduction of the environmental repair chemicals, I believe this site should be closed now.

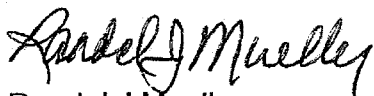
If you don't close it I would be open to retrieving samples, as you previously suggested. I would have to be taught the method, from what I saw it looks easy. I could also transport the samples to a lab. I wouldn't be able to interpret the findings, but I'm sure you would. Christine Lilek once suggested UW-Oshkosh geology students could be of assistance and they would do the work for free, is that offer still on the table?

Regretfully, my business is still floundering. Last year Wisconsin lost 3,800 manufacturing jobs. Jobs are lost because of advances in automation and the utilization of cheap offshore labor. I envision my future making products I'm developing, in essence a new business, which is scary because Wisconsin ranks #50 in new business startups.

From Rep. Glenn Grothman's April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 town hall meeting in Berlin, "None of the factory owners I talk to or managers I talk to or the farmers I talk to are unaware of the fact we want clean air or clean water, but some of the regulators from both the EPA and DNR act like money grows on trees."

I hope you close the site, I've been under the dark cloud of the the DNR for twenty years.

Respectfully,



Randal J Mueller  
Sole Member, Exfoliate Properties LLC