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RE: SMITHS UNION 76 STATION (FORMER), 11427 S BUS HWY 53
PECFA # 54873-0057-11

Greetings,

The Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) records indicate that you are responsible for cleaning up petroleum contamination at, or have a related interest in, the property listed above. Petroleum-related environmental investigation and cleanup work at this property is currently eligible for reimbursement from the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) program.

This is a general letter reminding all potential claimants of eligible sites that the PECFA program is scheduled to end in just under two years, on June 30, 2020, as authorized under Wis. Act 55 (2015).

As the end of PECFA approaches, the DNR offers these important reminders:

- **Timely claim submittal.** Claimants and consultants planning to seek reimbursement for costs incurred on PECFA-eligible projects are reminded that they have 180 days from the day the expense was incurred, **but no later than June 30, 2020**, whichever occurs first, to submit the claim to the DNR. If a claim for costs incurred is not submitted within this deadline, the costs will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement. There is no extension on that deadline. The DNR will consider the date of submittal to be the date it's hand-delivered, emailed, faxed or postmarked. If you hand-deliver a claim, please make sure to get a date stamp from the DNR staff receiving the claim.
- **Liability for cleanup doesn't end when the program expires.** The responsible party's obligation to address environmental contamination associated their site continues whether PECFA reimbursement funding is available or not. Therefore, the DNR highly encourages responsible parties to complete PECFA-eligible cleanup work as soon as possible.
- **Reaching the finish line.** By now, all PECFA-eligible sites should have an approved remedial action plan in place and be actively implementing remedial action (if not already complete.) Eight rounds of quarterly groundwater monitoring are required unless otherwise directed for case closure. Currently there are only eight quarters left remaining in the PECFA program.

Questions may be addressed to the project manager assigned to your site.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darsi Foss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darsi Foss
Remediation & Redevelopment Program Director