



October 18, 2019

Rebecca Godfrey
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Subject: Continuation of Site Progress
Grace's Store, 33768 State Hwy 21, Camp Douglas, WI
BRRTS # 03-42-204862 PECFA # 54618-8018-68-A

Dear Ms. Godfrey:

I am writing to inform you of the current status of the Grace's Store site and to request your decision on how you would like to proceed. Meridian Environmental Consulting, LLC (Meridian) proposed a Change Order/Work Plan dated March 6, 2019, prior to preparing the case closure request for this site. This work plan included sampling existing groundwater monitoring wells, potable wells, a potable well reconnaissance, and an additional Geoprobe investigation of the former tank area and underlying sand aquifer. The department did not agree that the additional Geoprobe soil and groundwater samples were necessary to achieve case closure. After additional discussions with Meridian, the department approved a more limited scope of soil sampling, along with the potable well reconnaissance and potable/monitoring well sampling.

On August 30, 2019, the department received a status update letter with the results of the approved scope of work, along with a recommendation from Meridian again to investigate the deeper sand aquifer. The department does not agree that this work is necessary to achieve case closure and it would not be approved for PECFA reimbursement. In an email dated September 23, 2019, Meridian reiterated their recommendation and suggested another consultant could review the file and provide their opinion on case closure instead.

In the interest of achieving case closure at this site before the PECFA program ends in June 2020, there are two options to move forward:

- 1) Meridian conducts the additional recommended sampling of the deeper aquifer without reimbursement from the PECFA program, analyzes the results and prepares the closure request. The cost to prepare the case closure request would remain eligible for PECFA reimbursement if completed before PECFA ends.
- 2) Terminate the PECFA Agent Contract between Meridian and yourself. Then hire another environmental consulting firm willing to act as your PECFA Agent to evaluate the site file and prepare the closure request.

The Department is requesting that by November 19, 2019, you inform the department of your decision in order bring the case to closure.

If you have any questions concerning the status of the site, please do not hesitate to write or call me at (715) 839-3760 or Matthew.Vitale@Wisconsin.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Vitale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'V'.

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