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MR T RICHARD STAUPE
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02-16-000161

Re: Site Closure - Murphy Oil USA, Inc., Lakehead Pipe Line Company Site (NWD LUST Case #161)

Dear Mr. Staupe:

On March 8, 1995, I presented the case for the above mentioned site to the Department's Northwest District Close Out Committee for possible site closure.

The Committee reviewed the Report on Contaminated Soil Excavation and Treatment, prepared by Eder Associates and dated December 30, 1994, as well as investigative and remedial work accomplished by Eder Associates and Twin Ports Testing previous to this report. The cleanup work was performed at the site of a 400 gallon crude oil spill collection tank removed in December 1989. After looking at the available information, the Committee concurred with Eder Associates' recommendation for no further action at this time.

The remedial actions taken here appear to have been sufficient, and it is not likely that this site will cause an exceedance of groundwater standards stated in ch. NR 140, Wisconsin Administrative Code, or pose a threat to public health and safety, or the environment. Therefore, additional remedial efforts do not seem to be necessary at this time. This site appears to be in substantial compliance with s. 144.76, Wis. Stats.

You should note that this letter does not constitute Department "certification" under s. 144.765 (2) (a) 3, Wis. Stats., as created by 1993 Wisconsin Act 453 (May 12, 1994). Persons who meet the definition of "purchaser" in s. 144.765 (1) (c), must receive Department pre-approval prior to conducting a site investigation in order to be eligible for the liability exemption under s. 144.765, Wis. Stats.

This decision is based upon information as presented to us, and pertains only to the 400 gallon crude oil spill collection tank removed from this location in 1989. The Department may require responsible parties to undertake appropriate investigative or remedial actions should new information regarding this site come to light in the future.

Sincerely,

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