



August 19, 2019

LIONS CLUB HOUSE  
HWY 45 & 22  
BEAR CREEK, WI 54922

SUBJECT: Recent Soil and Groundwater Sampling in Right-of-Way Adjacent to Lions Club Property

Dear Lions Club representatives,

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently completed state-funded soil and groundwater sampling in the right-of-way on Highway 76, directly adjacent to and south of Lions Club property. Following the sampling, I want to speak with you about building use on your property, to be sure that we are being protective of property users.

The sampling resulted from a notification by Waupaca County that a strong gasoline smell came from soil that was excavated for a road sign replacement. The northeast corner of the Hwy 45/76 intersection was formerly a gasoline, diesel and oil supplier, which had several (now closed) environmental cases in the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS). The former property owners recorded several petroleum spills and had multiple underground storage tanks removed.

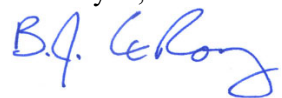
As noted, the BRRTS cases are closed, meaning that they were investigated and cleaned up to DNR approval. That does not mean that the sites are completely clean. In this case, residual soil and groundwater contamination was left in place at the time of closure in 2000. The recent sampling in the right-of-way near Lions Club property also found residual contamination in soil and groundwater.

My reason for contacting you is to help you ensure that the property users are protected from exposure to contamination left in place. Your well water is likely safe to drink, as it was when last sampled in 1998, though the DNR recommends periodic sampling. People using the property are likely protected from directly contacting the contamination left in soil.

The DNR does have a concern that petroleum vapor may be able to accumulate under or inside the two out-buildings you own along Highway 76. I would like to discuss the building use with you, so that we can evaluate if further testing by the DNR is necessary to protect building users from potential exposure.

Please have a Lions Club representative call or e-mail me at 920-662-5164, or [BJ.LeRoy@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:BJ.LeRoy@Wisconsin.gov) to discuss the recent sample results and what they mean for your property users.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B.J. LeRoy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and "R".

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