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August 6, 2019

MR MIKE ECKERT ECKERT-KOST LLC 203 PLEASANT ST RHINELANDER WI 54501

SUBJECT:

Continuing Obligations and Property Owner Requirements for

729 Lincoln Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin Parcel Identification Number: RH 1387

Final Case Closure for Home Oil Co. - Former ICO Station

724-728 Lincoln Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin

WDNR BRRTS Activity #03-44-000463

Dear Mr. Eckert:

On June 11, 2012 and June 26, 2012, you were sent the attached letters from Endeavor Environmental Services, Inc., notifying you of the potential case closure of the environmental investigation and cleanup of the Home Oil Co. - Former ICO Station site located at 724-728 Lincoln Street, Rhinelander. These letters reference, respectively, remaining groundwater contamination and three monitoring wells on your property located at 729 Lincoln St., Rhinelander that could not be located and were assumed to be destroyed, paved over or buried. As a result, the monitoring wells could not be properly abandoned (filled and sealed) as required under Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 141.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently in the process of finalizing the case closure request for the former Home Oil Co. - Former ICO Station site. Due to the length of time that has passed since Endeavor Environmental Services, Inc. sent these notification letters, the DNR believes it appropriate to send you copies of these letters again prior to mailing out the final closure letter. The final closure letter is expected to be mailed within the next two weeks. You will receive a copy of the final closure letter when it is finalized.

The attached DNR fact sheet "Continuing Obligations for Environmental Protection," RR-819, helps to explain a property owner's responsibility for continuing obligations on their property. The fact sheet may also be obtained online at dnr.wi.gov by searching "RR-819".

Please contact me at (715) 685-2920 or <u>Christopher.Saari@wisconsin.gov</u>. if you would like to discuss these letters or the closure of the former Home Oil Co. - Former ICO Station site.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Saari

Northern Region Team Supervisor

Remediation and Redevelopment Program



#### Attachments:

- Notification of Residual Contamination, Endeavor Environmental Services, Inc., June 11, 2012
- Improperly Abandoned Monitoring Wells, Endeavor Environmental Services, Inc., June 26, 2012
- Continuing Obligations for Environmental Protection, DNR Publication RR-819

cc: Joseph M. Ramcheck – Endeavor Environmental Services, Inc. (via email) John Sager – DNR Superior (via email) June 11, 2012

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Mr. Mike Eckert Eckert, Kost & Vocke LLP 729 Lincoln Street Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Re: Notification of Residual Contamination Tackle Box & Home Oil Co. (Former) 728 Lincoln Street Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Endeavor Project No. P07753.45

WDNR BRRTS No. 03-44-000463 DSPS No. 54501-3540-28-A

Dear Mr. Eckert,

This letter is being sent to you as a representative of Eckert-Kost, LLC the current owner of the property located at 729 Lincoln Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Environmental monitoring performed at the property has shown that groundwater contamination exceeding ch. NR 140 enforcement standards likely remains on the property. This contamination has migrated onto your property from the Tackle Box & Home Oil Co. (Former). Site closure is being requested at this time, and in accordance with the requirements of s. NR 726.05 (2) (b) 4, and (3) (a) 4.g., the following information is being provided.

Groundwater petroleum contamination likely exists on the property located at 729 Lincoln Street. Groundwater monitoring well MW-8 has historically reported benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, total xylenes, total trimethylbenzene and naphthalene contamination in the groundwater on your property above the state groundwater enforcement standards found in chapter NR 140, Wisconsin Administrative Code. The last groundwater sampling event completed for monitoring well MW-8 was November 8, 2004, and no additional sampling has been completed because this monitoring well could not be located and is believed to have been destroyed. Because more recent groundwater contaminant data is not available for your property, the presence of groundwater contaminants at levels exceeding NR 140 enforcement standards is assumed to remain at the present time.

Our environmental consultant, Endeavor Environmental Services, Inc. has informed me that the groundwater contaminant plume is stable or receding and will naturally degrade over time. I believe that allowing natural attenuation to complete the cleanup at this site will meet the requirements for case closure that are found in chapter NR 726 Wisconsin Administrative Code, and I will be requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources accept natural attenuation as the final remedy for this site and grant case closure. Closure means that the Department will not be requiring any further investigation or cleanup action to be taken, other than the reliance on natural attenuation.

The source of the identified contamination is not on your property; therefore, neither you nor any subsequent owner of your property will be held responsible for investigation or cleanup of this contamination, as long as you and any subsequent owners comply with the requirements of \_section 292.13, Wisconsin Statutes, including allowing access to your property for environmental investigation or cleanup if access is required. To obtain a copy of the Department of Natural

Resources' publication #RR-589, Fact Sheet 10: Guidance for Dealing with Properties Affected by Off-Site Contamination, you may visit http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR589.pdf or call 608-267-3859.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will not review my closure request for at least 30 days after the date of this letter. As an affected property owner, you have a right to contact the Department to provide any technical information that you may have that indicates that closure should not be granted for this site. If you would like to submit any information to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that is relevant to this closure request, you should mail that information to:

John Sager Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 107 Sutliff Avenue Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

If this case is closed, all properties within the site boundaries where groundwater contamination exceeds chapter NR 140 groundwater enforcement standards and soil contamination exceeds site-specific RCLs will be listed on the Department of Natural Resources' geographic information system (GIS) Registry of Closed Remediation Sites. The information on the GIS Registry includes maps showing the location of properties in Wisconsin where soil or groundwater contamination above regulatory or site-specific standards existed at the time that the case was closed. This GIS Registry will be available to the general public on Department of Natural Resources' internet web site.

Once the Department makes a decision on my closure request, it will be documented in a letter. If the Department grants closure, you may obtain a copy of this letter by requesting a copy from me, by writing to the agency address given above or by accessing the DNR GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites on the internet at <a href="http://dnrmaps.wi.gov/imf/imf.jsp?site=brrts2">http://dnrmaps.wi.gov/imf/imf.jsp?site=brrts2</a>. A copy of the closure letter is included as part of the site file on the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites.

Should you or any subsequent property owner wish to construct or reconstruct a well on your property, special well construction standards may be necessary to protect the well from the residual groundwater contamination. Any well driller who proposes to construct a well on your property in the future will first need to obtain approval from a regional water supply specialist in DNR's Drinking Water and Groundwater Program. The well-construction application, form 3300-254, may be accessed through the GIS Registry web address in the preceding paragraph.

If you need more information, you may contact me by mail at 303 Seldon Avenue, Iron River, Michigan, 49935, or you may contact John Sager-Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at (715) 365-8959.

Sincerely,

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# STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN FORM 1 - 2000 WARRANTY DEED

This Deed, made between Stora Enso North America Corp., f/k/a
Stora Enso Consolidated Papers, Inc., f/k/a Consolidated Papers, Inc., f/k/a
Consolidated Water Power and Paper Company, a Wisconsin corporation
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That portion of vacated Newell Street as described in Order recorded as Document No. 145942, Oneida County Records.

Names of persons signing in any capacity must be typed or printed below their signature.

WARRANTY DEED

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Thomas H. Jenghita

THOMAS H LEIGHTON
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ONEIDA COUNTY, WI
Fee Amount: \$11.00
Transfer fee: \$1500.00

Transfer fee: \$1300.00

Recording Area

Name and Return Address

ONEIDA TITLE & ABSTRACT, INC.

RH 1386
Parcel Identification Number (PIN)

This <u>is not</u> homestead property. (is) (is not)

INFO-PRO (800)655-2021 www.infoproforms.com

Together with all appurtenant rights, title and interests. Grantor warrants that the title to the Property is good, indefeasible in fee simple and free and glear of ea easements, reservations and restrictions of record. Dated this 29thday of October, 2003. Stora Enso North America Corp \* Carl H. Wartman, Senior Vice President AUTHENTICATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATE OF WISCONSIN Signature(s) authenticated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_ 29th day of Personally came before me this , 2003 the above named October Carl H. Wartman, Senior Vice President TITLE: MEMBER STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN (If not. to me known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing authorized by §706.06, Wis. Stats.) instrument and acknowledged the same. THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY OTARY Atty. Nicholas J. Brazeau (tv) Susan M. Stein Notary Public, State of Wisconsin PO Box 639, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 544\$5-0639 My Commission is permanent. (If not, state expiration date: Work OF WASCOME August 26, 2007

> STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN FORM No. 1 - 2000



June 26, 2012

Mr. Mike Eckert Eckert, Kost & Vocke LLP 729 Lincoln Street Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Improperly Abandoned Monitoring Wells Re:

Tackle Box & Home Oil Co. (Former)

728 Lincoln Street DSPS No. 54501-3540-28-A

Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501 Endeavor Project No. P07753.45

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WDNR BRRTS No. 03-44-000463

As part of the environmental monitoring activities completed for the Tackle Box & Home Oil Co. (Former), three groundwater monitoring wells were placed on the property located at 728 Lincoln Street. These monitoring wells, identified as MW-8, MW-10 and MW-11, could not be located and were apparently destroyed, paved over or buried under fill material during construction activities on the property. Therefore, it appears these monitoring wells were not properly abandoned in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code (WAC) NR 141.25. If any of these monitoring wells are identified in the future, they need to be properly abandoned according to WAC NR141.25 requirements. The location of monitoring wells MW-8, MW-10 and MW-11 is illustrated in the attached Figure 2 – Site Plan View. Copies of the monitoring well construction forms are also provided.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (920) 437-2997 at your convenience.

Sincerely.

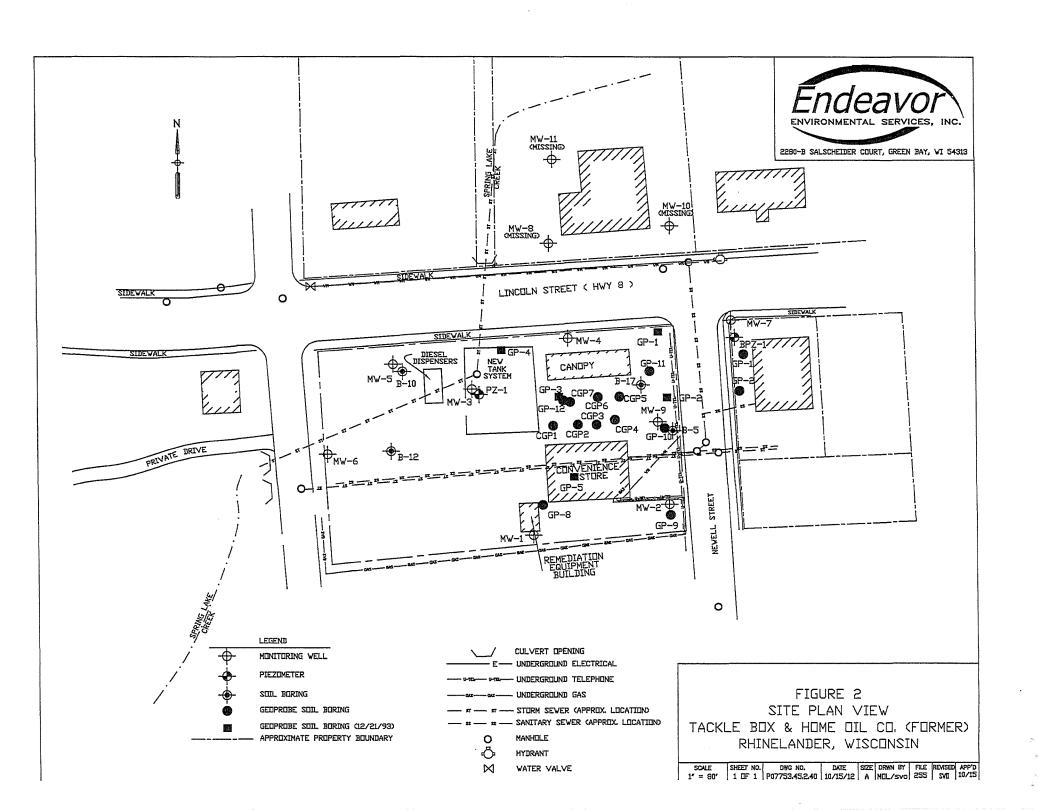
Joseph M. Ramcheck Senior Project Manager

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Enclosures

Green Bay, WI 54313 Phone: (920) 437-2997 Fax: (920) 437-3066 2280-B Salscheider Court



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THOXAS H LEIGHTON

Transfer fee: \$1500.00 

Recording Area

Name and Return Address

ONEIDA TITLE & ABSTRACT, INC.

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# Continuing Obligations for Environmental Protection Responsibilities of Wisconsin Property Owners Wis. Stat. § 292.12

#### **Purpose**

This fact sheet is intended to help property owners understand their legal requirements under s. 292.12, Wis. Stats., regarding continuing obligations that arise due to the environmental condition of their property.

#### Introduction

The term "continuing obligations" refers to certain actions for which property owners are responsible following a completed environmental cleanup. They are sometimes called environmental land use controls or institutional controls. These legal obligations, such as a requirement to maintain pavement over contaminated soil, are most often found in a cleanup approval letter from the state.

Less commonly, a continuing obligation may apply where a cleanup is not yet completed but a cleanup plan has been approved, or at a property owned by a local government that is exempt from certain cleanup requirements.

## What Are Continuing Obligations?

Continuing obligations are legal requirements designed to protect public health and the environment in regard to contamination that remains on a property.

Continuing obligations still apply after a property is sold. Each new owner is responsible for complying with the continuing obligations.

### Background

Wisconsin, like most states, allows some contamination to remain after cleanup of soil or groundwater contamination (residual contamination). This minimizes the transportation of contamination and reduces cleanup costs while still ensuring that public health and the environment are protected.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), through its Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program, places sites or properties with residual contamination on a public database in order to provide notice to interested parties about the residual contamination and any associated continuing obligations. Please see the "Public Information" section on page 3 to learn more about the database. (Prior to June 3, 2006, the state used deed restrictions recorded at county courthouses to establish continuing obligations, and those deed restrictions have also been added into the database.)

## Types of Continuing Obligations

#### 1. Manage Contaminated Soil that is Excavated

If the property owner intends to dig up an area with contaminated soil, the owner must ensure that proper soil sampling, followed by appropriate treatment or disposal, takes place. Managing contaminated soil must be done in compliance with state law and is usually done under the guidance of a private environmental professional.

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## 2. Manage Construction of Water Supply Wells

If there is soil or groundwater contamination and the property owner plans to construct or reconstruct a water supply well, the owner must obtain prior DNR approval to ensure that well construction is designed to protect the water supply from contamination.

## Other Types of Continuing Obligations

Some continuing obligations are designed specifically for conditions on individual properties. Examples include:

- keeping clean soil and vegetation over contaminated soil;
- keeping an asphalt "cover" over contaminated soil or groundwater;
- maintaining a vapor venting system; and
- notifying the state if a structural impediment (e.g. building) that restricted the cleanup is removed. The owner may then need to conduct additional state-approved environmental work.

It is common for properties with approved cleanups to have continuing obligations because the DNR generally does not require removal of all contamination.

Property owners with the types of continuing obligations described above will find these requirements described in the state's cleanup approval letter or cleanup plan approval, and *must*:

- comply with these property-specific requirements; and
- obtain the state's permission before changing portions of the property where these requirements apply.

The requirements apply whether or not the person owned the property at the time that the continuing obligations were placed on the property.

## **Changing a Continuing Obligation**

A property owner has the option to modify a continuing obligation if environmental conditions change. For example, petroleum contamination can degrade over time and property owners may collect new samples showing that residual contamination is gone. They may then request that the DNR modify or remove a continuing obligation. Fees are required for the DNR's review of this request and for processing the change to the database (\$1050 review fee, \$300/\$350 database fee). Fees are subject to change; current fees are found in Wis. Admin. § NR 749 online at http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin code/nr/700/749.

#### **Public Information**

The DNR provides public information about continuing obligations on the Internet. This information helps property owners, purchasers, lessees and lenders understand legal requirements that apply to a property. The DNR has a comprehensive database of contaminated and cleaned up sites, *BRRTS* on the Web. This database shows all contamination activities known to the DNR. Site specific documents are found under the *Documents* section. The information includes maps, deeds, contaminant data and the state's closure letter. The closure letter states that no additional environmental cleanup is needed for past contamination and includes information on property-specific continuing obligations. If a cleanup has not been completed, the state's approval of the remedial action plan will contain the information about

continuing obligations.

Properties with continuing obligations can generally be located in the DNR's RR Sites Map. RR Sites Map provides a map view of contaminated and cleaned up sites, including sites with continuing obligations, and links to BRRTS on the Web. BRRTS on the Web and RR Sites Map are part of the Wisconsin Remediation and Redevelopment Database (WRRD) at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/wrrd.html.

If a completed cleanup is shown in *BRRTS* on the Web but the site documents cannot be found in the documents section, the DNR's closure letter can still be obtained from a regional office. For assistance, please contact a DNR Environmental Program Associate (see the RR Program's Staff Contact web page at <a href="mailto:dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html">dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html</a>).

## Off-Site Contamination: When Continuing Obligations Cross the Property Line

An off-site property owner is someone who owns property that has been affected by contamination that moved through soil, sediment or groundwater from another property. Wis. Stat. § 292.13 provides an exemption from environmental cleanup requirements for owners of "off-site" properties. The DNR will generally not ask off-site property owners to investigate or clean up contamination that came from a different property, as long as the property owner allows access to his or her property so that others who are responsible for the contamination may complete the cleanup.

However, off-site property owners are legally obligated to comply with continuing obligations on their property, even though they did not cause the contamination. For example, if the state approved a cleanup where the person responsible for the contamination placed clean soil over contamination on an off-site property, the owner of the off-site property must either keep that soil in place or obtain state approval before disturbing it.

Property owners and others should check the *Public Information* section above if they need to:

- determine whether and where continuing obligations exist on a property;
- review the inspection, maintenance and reporting requirements, and
- contact the DNR regarding changing that portion of the property. The person to contact is the person that approved the closure or remedial action plan.

## Option for an Off-Site Liability Exemption Letter

In general, owners of off-site properties have a legal exemption from environmental cleanup requirements. This exemption does not require a state approval letter. Nonetheless, they may request a property-specific liability exemption letter from the DNR if they have enough information to show that the source of the contamination is not on their property. This letter may be helpful in real estate transactions. The fee for this letter is \$700 under Chapter NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. For more information about this option, please see the RR Program's Liability web page at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Liability.html.

## Legal Obligations of Off-Site Property Owners

- Allow access so the person cleaning up the contamination may work on the off-site property (unless the off-site owner completes the cleanup independently).
- Comply with any required continuing obligations on the off-site property.

## **Required Notifications to Off-Site Property Owners**

- 1. The person responsible for cleaning up contamination must notify affected property owners of any proposed continuing obligations on their off-site property **before** asking the DNR to approve the cleanup. This is required by law and allows the off-site owners to provide the DNR with any technical information that may be relevant to the cleanup approval.
  - When circumstances are appropriate, an off-site neighbor and the person responsible for the cleanup may enter into a "legally enforceable agreement" (i.e. a contract). Under this type of private agreement, the person responsible for the contamination may also take responsibility for maintaining a continuing obligation on an off-site property. This agreement would not automatically transfer to future owners of the off-site property. The state is not a party to the agreement and cannot enforce it.
- 2. If a cleanup proposal that includes off-site continuing obligations is approved, the DNR will send a letter to the off-site owners detailing the continuing obligations that are required for their property. Property owners should inform anyone interested in buying their property about maintaining these continuing obligations. For residential property, this would be part of the real estate disclosure obligation.

#### **More Information**

For more information, please visit the RR Program's Continuing Obligations website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Residual.html.

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