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Mr. Patrick Martin  
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Subject: Tetrachloroethene (PCE) Groundwater Contamination at Martin's Cleaners, 1025 East Green Bay St., Shawano, WI; DNR BRRTS # 02-59-231063

Dear Mr. Martin:

I have received the information submitted by your consultant, Northern Environmental on your behalf, regarding the PCE groundwater contamination on your property. The information submitted supports the contention that one or more sources of this contamination exists on the property. As a result, you will need to investigate the degree and extent of this contamination and implement a remedial action to restore the environment as required by Section 292.11(3), Wisconsin Statutes. This letter serves as your notice that you are required to proceed with the necessary work.

The letter from Northern Environmental also states that an unknown amount of Tetrachloroethene was released from a dry cleaning machine after a fire in 1989. This release should have been reported to the Department as required by Section 292.11(2)(a), which states:

A person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall notify the department immediately of any discharge not exempted under sub. (9).

The Department does not plan to take formal enforcement action regarding this potential violation of the statute as long as reasonable progress is made regarding the investigation and cleanup of the PCE at the site. It is important that you realize that all future releases and spills of this nature must be immediately reported to the Department.

Within 30 days, your consultant will need to submit a workplan to this office, outlining a site investigation that will define the degree and extent of the PCE contamination on and off the property. The site investigation should identify all source areas of the PCE and associated byproducts as well as the horizontal and vertical extent of the groundwater contamination. Work shall be performed in substantial compliance with the NR 700 series, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

I have enclosed additional information on the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program for your use. Please review the information to determine if you are eligible for the program and what you need to do to apply.

Please contact me at 715-526-4230 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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