



July 31, 2020

ARLENE MARTIN
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APT 3
SHAWANO WI 54166

Subject: Reported Contamination at Martin's One Hour Drycleaners
1025 East Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI
DNR BRRTS # 02-59-231063

Dear Mrs. Martin:

On July 20, 1999, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received notification that a hazardous substance had discharged to the environment at the above referenced property. The contamination was detected during the site investigation on the neighboring Clark Oil Gas Station at 1037 East Green Bay Street. On September 28, 1999, a Responsible Party (RP) letter was issued to you outlining your responsibilities to address the contamination identified in soil and groundwater on your property.

On July 1, 2015, the DNR received a *Supplemental Site Investigation Results (Third Stage)* for the above-referenced site, dated June 26, 2015, submitted by your consultant, Robert E. Lee & Associates. That document also contained a work plan for additional investigation. I understand that you were waiting on a payment from the DERF fund prior to completing this work. Our records indicate you received this payment on June 20, 2017 but no investigation work had been performed. A letter requesting additional site investigation was sent on July 10, 2020. On July 22, 2020, the DNR was notified by Scott Cole that you are no longer the property owner of the above referenced site.

The responsibilities included in the September 28, 1999, RP letter remain in effect. The DNR is restating your obligation under Wis. Stats. ch. 292 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 through NR 754 to further investigate this release.

Legal Responsibilities:

Persons meeting the definition of "responsible party" under Wis. Admin. Code § NR 700.03(51) must follow applicable law to address the discharge of a hazardous substance to the environment or other environmental pollution. Wisconsin Statutes ("Wis. Stats.") ch. 292 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 through NR 754 provide specific requirements for undertaking appropriate response actions to address contamination, including requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, remedy selection, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure.

I have reviewed your file, additional investigation is needed to fully define the degree and extent of chlorinated solvent contamination in both the soil, and groundwater as well as the vapor intrusion pathway. Vapor sub-slab sampling was planned at Martin's One Hour Drycleaners and Flamingo's Family Restaurant; this sampling should also include 1024 5th Street Apartments along with sanitary sewer sampling on these properties. In addition, please keep in mind that depending upon the results of the sampling, it may be necessary to expand the sampling to define the degree and extend of the contamination.

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By **August 30, 2020**, submit a revised site investigation work plan for groundwater, soil, and sub-slab vapor sampling to delineate the degree and extent of contamination. By **September 29, 2020**, you should implement this work plan and begin site investigation. You will need to submit a complete Site Investigation Report once you have completed the investigation.

Please know that you will not be able to rely upon DERF funding for future site investigations. If you are experiencing problems selecting an environmental consultant or if you have financial concerns about completing the site investigation, please contact me as your new DNR project manager for the site. Future correspondence can be directed to me at:

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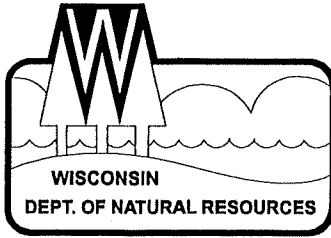
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Responsible Party Letter, 9/28/1999



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September 28, 1999

COPY

Mr. Patrick Martin
Martin's Cleaner's
1025 East Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166

Subject: Non-petroleum Groundwater Contamination at Martin's Cleaners, 1025 East Green Bay St., Shawano, WI

Dear Mr. Martin:

I have received a copy of the letter sent to you by K. Singh and Associates (July 13, 1999) regarding the groundwater contamination believed to be migrating on to your property from the Clark Oil Station to the east. While it is the responsibility of the owners of the Clark Station to address the petroleum related contamination migrating from their property onto yours, there are other, non-petroleum related compounds of concern that were present in the groundwater sample from the monitoring well installed on the Martin Cleaners Property.

The data from this monitoring well indicates that two compounds, not associated with petroleum, were present in the groundwater sample. Specifically, these compounds are Tetrachloroethene (also known as perchloroethylene) and trichloroethene. As you are aware, perchloroethylene is, among other uses, a common dry cleaning solvent. Trichloroethene is another commonly used solvent though its presence may be indicative of an environmental breakdown product of Tetrachloroethene. These compounds were not detected in water samples taken from the Clark Station Property.

The Department has reason to believe, based on the current use of the property and groundwater sample results, that a source of these non-petroleum, chlorinated compounds exists on the Martin's Cleaner's property. Martin's Cleaners may be responsible for restoring the environment at this site under Section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes (hazardous substances spills law) which states:

“RESPONSIBILITY. A person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance which is discharged or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge to the air, lands, or waters of the state.”

This responsibility includes first investigating the extent of the contamination, then selecting and implementing an appropriate remedial action.

Wisconsin Administrative Codes NR 700 through NR 728 establish requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure. Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 140 establishes groundwater standards for contaminants that reach groundwater.

The Department must be notified of any additional information you possess that can aid in determining



the source of contamination at the above referenced site including:

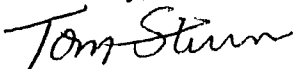
- above ground and underground storage tanks (past and present)
- floor drains and their destinations
- solvent handling
- hazardous waste records
- past spills
- historical land use of the property including locations of former buildings.
- possible off-site sources of the chlorinated compounds

Within 30 days, please submit, in writing, the information requested above and any other information that will help in directing an investigation into the source of the groundwater contamination. Unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the Martin's Cleaners property is not the source of the Tetrachloroethene contamination, you will be directed to perform a site investigation to determine the degree and extent of the problem and develop an appropriate remedial action. If additional investigation and remediation is necessary you will need to hire an environmental consultant to assist you.

I have enclosed information on the "Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program", a program that may be able to reimburse you for some of the associated investigation and cleanup costs. You should read it carefully to determine if you are eligible and to be sure that you are following the required procedures to remain eligible.

Feel free to contact me at 715-526-4230 if you have any questions regarding this letter or would like to further discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



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