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July 31, 2020

SCOTT COLE 1025 EAST GREEN BAY STREET SHAWANO WI 54166

Subject: Reported Contamination at Martin's One Hour Drycleaners

1025 East Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI DNR BRRTS Activity # 02-59-231063

Dear Mr. Cole:

Based on the information available to the department, we believe that you are the landowner of the above referenced property. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a hazardous substance discharge occurred on the property. As the landowner, you are in possession or control of the hazardous substance discharge or other environmental pollution (hereafter referred to as "contamination") at the above-described site, and, as such, you may be held responsible under Wisconsin Statutes ("Wis. Stats.") ch. 292 for the investigation and cleanup of the contamination at the site. The term "site" includes the property where the discharge occurred and any other property it has migrated to, pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative Code ("Wis. Admin. Code") § NR 700.03(56).

Presently, the department is exercising its discretion to pursue the person who caused the contamination as outlined in the enclosed letter to Mrs. Martin dated July 31, 2020. If the causer continues to make sufficient progress under Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 through NR 754, the department will not seek your involvement in investigation and cleanup; however, if the causer is no longer able or willing to continue progress, the department will require that you take the appropriate response actions.

## **Legal Responsibilities**

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. For more information on the responsibilities relating to contamination investigation and cleanup, see the enclosed letter to Mrs. Martin, dated September 28, 1999.

Under Wis. Stat. ch. 292, continuing obligations may be applied to a property upon the closure of an environmental investigation and cleanup case. Continuing obligations are legal requirements designed to protect public health and the environment from contamination that remains on a property. If the department places continuing obligations on the property at the time of closure, these obligations will become the property owner's responsibility.

## **Additional Information**

The department tracks information on all cleanup sites in a department database available at dnr.wi.gov and search "BRRTS". Enter the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) identification number listed at the top of this letter into the activity field search bar. You may view information



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related to your site on this database at any time. The site can also be viewed on the Remediation and Redevelopment Sites Map (RRSM), a map view, at dnr.wi.gov and search "RRSM".

All correspondence regarding this site should be directed to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gwen Saliares Hydrogeologist

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Remediation & Redevelopment Program

**Enclosures:** 

Causer Notification Letter to Mrs. Martin, dated 7/31/2020