



January 23, 2019

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Subject: Case Closure Not Recommended – Additional Actions Needed
Port Wing Automotive
8950 State Highway 13, Port Wing, Wisconsin
DNR BRRTS Activity #03-04-234613

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On January 3, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Northern Region Closure Committee reviewed your request for closure of the case described above. The Closure Committee reviews environmental remediation cases for compliance with state and federal laws to maintain consistency in the closure of these cases. As your environmental consultant discussed with you earlier today, the Closure Committee has recommended that closure not be approved because additional requirements must be met. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the remaining requirements for obtaining closure. We request that within 60 days of this letter, you provide us with your written response regarding the necessary work and a schedule for completion of this work.

As noted above, additional site work is necessary to meet the requirements for site closure because the following deficiencies in the site investigation and closure request package were identified (applicable administrative code citations in parentheses).

Need to Conduct Additional Groundwater Monitoring (Wis. Adm. Code ch. NR 726)

Additional groundwater monitoring is needed in order to establish compliance with the closure criteria in Wis. Adm. Code § NR 726.05 (6).

Remedy Needed to Address Exposure Pathways (Wis. Adm. Code chs. NR 722 and NR 724)

The closure package submitted by METCO did not address the remaining soil contamination with concentrations greater than the groundwater and non-industrial direct contact pathway Residual Contaminant Levels.

- For the groundwater pathway, you would have the option to demonstrate that a performance standard (natural attenuation) was creating stable to decreasing groundwater contaminant concentrations. If you cannot demonstrate stable or decreasing concentrations, then you will have to evaluate other remedial options, such as source soil excavation and/or an impermeable cover.
- If the existing sand and gravel parking area is being used as a cover for protection from direct contact with residual contamination, then the closure documentation will need to be modified to reflect this decision. A cover maintenance plan will also be needed to ensure future protectiveness of the cover.

Also, the site building should be listed as a structural impediment for residual soil contamination.

A complete closure request should be re-submitted once all the above requirements have been satisfied, together with any required documentation, to let the DNR know that applicable requirements have been met. Case closure can be considered once all the above requirements have been satisfied.

Within 60 days of the date of this letter, please respond in writing with a schedule of your plans to meet these requirements. Until requirements have been met, your site will remain "open" and you will also need to continue to submit the semi-annual progress reports, as required by Wis. Adm. Code § NR 700.11. You will also be responsible for any operation and maintenance activities required under Wis. Adm. Code § NR 724.13.

We appreciate your efforts to restore the environment at this site. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact DNR Project Manager Carrie Stoltz at (715) 365-8942, or by email at Carrie.Stoltz@Wisconsin.gov. You can also contact me at (715) 685-2920 or by email at Christopher.Saari@Wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



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