



June 2, 2020

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SUBJECT: Final Case Closure
Thomas Service Station (Former)
51 Wisconsin Avenue, Gile, Wisconsin
DNR BRRTS Activity #03-26-000788
FID #826034110

Dear Ms. Roeder:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) considers the Thomas Service Station site closed. No further investigation or remediation is required at this time. Provide this letter and any attachments listed at the end of this letter to anyone who purchases, rents or leases this property from you.

This final closure decision is based on the correspondence and data provided and is issued under Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 726 and 727. The DNR's Northern Region Closure Committee reviewed the request for closure on February 6, 2020. The Closure Committee reviewed this environmental remediation case for compliance with state laws and standards to maintain consistency in the closure of these cases. A request for remaining actions needed was issued by the DNR on February 10, 2020, and documentation that the conditions in that letter were met was received on May 26, 2020.

The investigative and remedial activities completed at this site were conducted for the discharge of hazardous substances, environmental pollution, or both (hereinafter referred to as contamination) at this site, which was historically used as a gas station and vehicle repair shop. Petroleum contamination was discovered during the expansion of State Highway 77. In 2010, two underground storage tanks were removed from the site. The former station building has been razed and the property is currently vacant. Remedial actions included excavation of contaminated soil and groundwater monitoring. The conditions of closure are based on the property being used for residential purposes. Case closure under Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 726 and NR 727 are granted for the contaminants analyzed during the site investigation, as documented in the DNR case file.

DNR Database

This site will be included on the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) on the Web (BOTW) online at dnr.wi.gov and search "BOTW", to provide public notice of residual contamination and of any continuing obligations. 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 site information is also on file at the DNR's Northern Region office, at 107 Sutliff Avenue in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. This letter and information that was submitted with your closure request application, including any maps, can be found as a Portable Document Format (PDF) in BRRTS on the Web.

Wis. Admin. Code Chapter NR 140, Exemption

Recent groundwater monitoring data at this site indicates that for naphthalene at MW-4R, contaminant levels exceed the Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 140, preventive action limit (PAL) but are below the enforcement standard (ES). The DNR may grant an exemption to a PAL for a substance of public health concern, other than nitrate, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § NR 140.28 (2) (b), if all the following criteria are met:

1. The measured or anticipated increase in the concentration of the substance will be minimized to the extent technically and economically feasible.
2. Compliance with the PAL is either not technically or economically feasible.
3. The enforcement standard for the substance will not be attained or exceeded at the point of standards application. [Note: at this site the point of standards application is all points where groundwater is monitored.]
4. Any existing or projected increase in the concentration of the substance above the background concentration does not present a threat to public health or welfare.

Based on the information you provided, the DNR believes that these criteria have been or will be met. Contaminated soils have been removed and recent groundwater monitoring indicates decreasing naphthalene concentrations in groundwater samples collected from monitoring well MW-4R. However, naphthalene concentrations remain in groundwater at the location of monitoring well MW-4R that are above the PAL. Therefore, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § NR 140.28, an exemption to the PAL is granted for naphthalene at MW-4R. Please keep this letter, because it serves as your exemption.

PECFA Reimbursement

Wis. Stat. § 101.143, requires that Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) claimants seeking reimbursement of interest costs, for sites with petroleum contamination, submit a final reimbursement claim within 120 days after they receive a closure letter on their site. For claims not received within 120 days of the date of this letter, interest costs after 60 days of the date of this letter will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement. If there is equipment purchased with PECFA funds remaining at the site, contact the DNR Project Manager to determine the method for salvaging the equipment.

Per Wisconsin Act 55 (2015 State budget), a claim for PECFA reimbursement must be submitted within 180 days of incurring costs (i.e., completing a task). If your final PECFA claim is not submitted within 180 days of incurring the costs, the costs will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement.

Please be aware that the case may be reopened pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § NR 727.13, if additional information regarding site conditions indicates that contamination on or from the site poses a threat to public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment.

The DNR appreciates your efforts to restore the environment at this site. If you have any questions regarding this closure decision or anything outlined in this letter, please contact Carrie Stoltz at (715) 365-8942 or at Carrie.Stoltz@Wisconsin.gov. You may also contact me at (715) 685-2920 or by email at Christopher.Saari@wisconsin.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher A. Saari". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Christopher A. Saari
Northern Region Team Supervisor
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

cc: Dave Larsen – REI (via email)
Carrie Stoltz – DNR Rhinelander (via email)
Bill Phelps – DNR Madison DG/5 (via email)