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April 28, 2014

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Subject:

Reported Contamination at the Springers Inn,

3406 Halder Drive, Mosinee BRRTS # 03-37-000904

Dear Ms. Feehrer:

On March 14, 1985, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources notified the past property owner of volatile organic chemicals (VOC's) within the potable well that served the property.

Information within the current WDNR file shows analytical data regarding potable well samples. The former property owner was identified as the possible responsible party due to the fact that a gasoline pump and tank were associated with the above stated property. Upon removal of the tank the soil was tested and identified petroleum contamination. According to Marathon County records, in April 2004, ownership of the above-referenced petroleum-contaminated property was transferred to you.

Based on the information that has been submitted to the WDNR regarding this site, we believe you, as owner of the above-referenced property, are responsible for investigating and restoring the environment at the above-described site under Section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes, known as the hazardous substances spills law, as well as treatment and/or disposal any contaminated soils, in accordance with State rules and regulations.

This letter describes the legal responsibilities of a person who is responsible under section 292.11, explains what you need to do to investigate and clean up the contamination, and provides you with information about cleanups, environmental consultants, possible financial assistance, and working cooperatively with the WDNR.

Legal Responsibilities:

Your legal responsibilities are defined both in statute and in administrative codes. The hazardous substances spill law, Section 292.11 (3) Wisconsin Statutes, 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.



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Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters NR 700 through NR 749 establish requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure. Chapter NR 708 includes provisions for immediate actions in response to limited contamination. Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter NR 140 establishes groundwater standards for contaminants that reach groundwater.

Steps to Take:

To ensure that your cleanup complies with Wisconsin's laws and administrative codes, you should hire a professional environmental consultant who understands what needs to be done. These are the first three steps to take:

- 1. Within the next 60 days, by June 20, 2014, you should submit written verification (such as a letter from the consultant) that you have hired an environmental consultant. If you do not take action within this time frame, the WDNR may initiate enforcement action against you.
- 2. Within the next 90 days, by July 21, 2014, your consultant should submit a work plan and schedule for the investigation. The consultant must comply with the requirements in the NR 700 and NR 500 rule series and should refer to WDNR technical guidance documents. To facilitate prompt agency review of your reports, your consultant should use the site investigation and closure formats which are available online at www.dnr.state.wi.us.
- 3. Within 30 days of completion of the site investigation, you or your consultant must provide a brief report at least every 90 days as required by s. NR 724.13 (3), Wis. Adm. Code. Quarterly reports need only include one or two pages of text, plus any relevant maps and tables. Should conditions at your site warrant, we may require more frequent contacts.
- 4. Sites where discharges to the environment have been reported are entered into the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System ("BRRTS"), a version of which appears on the WDNR's internet site. You may view the information related to your site at any time (http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/brrts) and use the feedback system to alert us to any errors in the data.

If you want a formal response from the agency on a specific submittal, please be aware that a review fee is required in accordance with ch. NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. If a fee is not submitted with your reports, you should proceed under the advice of your consultant to complete the site investigation to maintain your compliance with the spills law and chapters NR 700 through NR 749. Do not delay the investigation of your site by waiting for an agency response. We have provided detailed technical guidance to environmental consultants. Your consultant is expected to know our technical procedures and administrative rules and should be able to answer your questions on meeting cleanup requirements.

All correspondence regarding this site should be sent to:

Dee Lance Remediation and Redevelopment Program Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 473 Griffith Avenue Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Unless otherwise requested, please send only one copy of plans and reports. To speed processing, correspondence should reference the BRRTS and PECFA numbers shown at the top of this letter.

Information to help you select a consultant is enclosed.

Reimbursement from the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund (PECFA) may be available for some of the costs of cleaning up contamination from eligible petroleum storage tanks. For more information on the PECFA program, please call the DNR at 608-261-7515 or visit their web stie at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/pecfa.html.

Call the DNR Project Manager at 715/421-7862 for more information or visit the RR web site. http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dee Lance Hydrogeologist

Bureau for Remediation & Redevelopment

Enclosures:

PECFA Consultant List