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SUBJECT: Robinson Cleaners, 1819 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville, WI

Dear Mr. Treter:

On August 15, 2001 the Department received your request for review of four consultant proposals you solicited for conducting an environmental site investigation at the above referenced property. I understand that you represent the owner of the property, Mr. Ray Gehrig, and the tenant, Mr. Brian Fitzgerald and that they are interested in applying for reimbursement of a portion of future investigation and remediation costs from the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program (DERP). The investigation is required because chlorinated compounds were detected in groundwater monitoring wells installed immediately downgradient in terms of groundwater flow direction from Robinson Cleaners. Therefore, Robinson Cleaners is suspected to be the source of the chlorinated contamination.

The Department conducted a cursory review of the four proposals submitted. It is somewhat difficult to compare these proposals because each firm proposes different scopes of work and the extent of investigation required is unknown at this time. In general, it appears that a phased approach is a sensible approach. It is important to understand that a groundwater investigation is required, regardless of whether soil contamination is discovered. You indicated that you have chosen the consulting firm URS to conduct the site investigation. It appears that URS is lower in cost than the other proposals. However, it is important to note that the URS proposal did not include costs for disposal of hazardous wastes if they are generated during the site investigation. Also, the URS proposal includes markups for payment of subcontractor fees.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement, please submit an application (Form # 4400-210) to me as soon as possible because costs incurred prior to receipt by the Department are not eligible for reimbursement.

Once you have contracted with URS, the next step is to submit a workplan to me at the letterhead address for review. Because funds available through DERP are limited, efforts by you and your consultant to control costs are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (608) 743-4841.

Sincerely,



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