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Mr. Greg Bender
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Mrs. Louise Bender
436 N. Mt. Nebo Street
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Subject: Bender's Cleaners Site Closure
117 E. Terhune St., Viroqua, Vernon County
BRRTS #02-63-256001

Dear Mr. Bender:

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) has completed the initial review of results of the investigation concerning the presence of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) at the Bender's Dry Cleaners, performed as part of a larger investigation into the presence of PCE in one of the City of Viroqua's municipal water supply wells. The laboratory results indicate very low levels of PCE in the soils at the site.

Wisconsin Statutes authorize the Department to, upon request, assist a person to determine whether the person is or may be liable for the environmental pollution at a property and to issue letters concerning the liability for environmental pollution to a person owning a property. This General Liability Clarification Letter helps clarify, for a specific party and property, the Department's interpretation of the party's liability for cleanup of environmental contamination for the property. I have enclosed a fact sheet explaining the specifics of this letter.

Given the sites conditions at Bender's Dry Cleaners, a General Liability Clarification Letter may aid in your efforts to sell this property. A request to provide such a letter may be made in writing to me at the Department. This request would also need to include a fee of \$500 as required by Wisconsin Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence or the enclosed fact sheet, please contact me at 608/785-9973.

Sincerely,

David L. Carper, P.E., P.G.
Remediation Engineer

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