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**SUBJECT: Closure Approval of WDNR LUST Case #03-45-1138, Gunderson Cleaners, 200 W. Wisconsin Ave. Appleton, Wisconsin
Closure Denial of ERP Case #02-45-270, Peerless Cleaners, 200 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, Wisconsin**

Dear Ms. Hoover:

The Department's Case Closeout Committee in the Northeast Region has completed their review of the above referenced contamination cases. This panel reviews environmental remediation cases for compliance with state laws, standards, and guidelines to maintain consistency in the closeout of cases. The Closeout Committee has approved the closure of the LUST case #03-45-1138. It appears that actions have been taken by you to the extent practicable to restore the environment and minimize the harmful effects from this discharge to the air, lands, and waters of the state on southern portion of the property.

However, the committee has denied closure of the ERP case #02-45-270 on the northern portion of the property at this time. The ERP case has been denied because analytical results of groundwater sampling since 3/4/94 indicates that the concentration of tetrachloroethylene (PCE) at MW-9 is consistently greater than the Preventive Action Limit (PAL) found in NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code. The results also indicate that the concentration at this well is increasing with time and appears as though it may eventually exceed the NR 140 Enforcement Standard (ES). This case can not be closed out without an exemption to NR 140.28(2). This requirement specifies the criteria for granting an exemption when the PAL has been exceeded. Based upon the increasing concentrations of PCE at MW-9 that are already greater than the PAL, the Closeout Committee will not grant an exemption to NR 140.28(2) and will not grant this case closure.

Therefore, in order to pursue case closure, you must establish a trend of groundwater results from MW-9 indicating that the ES will not be exceeded. If this is demonstrated, then the case could be closed with an exemption to NR 140.28(2). You should begin quarterly sampling at MW-9 to begin establishing a trend in the groundwater concentrations and resubmit this site to the Closure Committee if the conditions in NR 140.28(2) can be met. The sampling frequency at all other site monitoring wells (including MW-12) can be



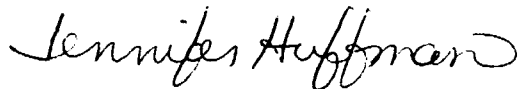
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switched to annual. However, groundwater elevations should be measured quarterly at all site monitoring wells.

Thank you for you and your consultant's cooperation and efforts during this process. If you have any questions, please call me at (414) 492-5868.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Huffman".

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