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ROB HOVERMAN ENVIROMENTAL FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS, INC N16W23390 STONE RIDGE DRIVE, SUITE G WAUKESHA, WI 53188

SUBJECT:

Approval of Variance Request #1

Dutch Cleaners, 403 S. Main Street, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin

WDNR BRRTS # 02-60-271527

Dear Mr. Hoverman:

Your variance request for the above-named site is approved. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) received your request for variance of section ch. NR 169.11(1)(c)10., Wis. Adm. Code, known as the Dry Cleaners Environmental Response Fund (DERF) program on May 12, 2017.

The Department understands that the Responsible Party (RP), Mr. Jere Ebbers, is no longer able to fund future investigative or remedial work, thus has entered into a written agreement with Environmental Forensic Investigations, Inc. (EnviroForensics) to act as an agent on his behalf to complete site investigation and remedial activities under ch. NR 169, Wis. Adm. Code. In consideration of the current situation with the RP and in order to keep this project moving forward, the Department approves the request for variance to ch. NR 169.11(1)(c)10. and will not require EnviroForensics to solicit additional proposals for the remedial phase of work at the Dutch Cleaners site.

Please note that this variance in itself does not assure approval of EnviroForensics' remedial action bid proposal or that all costs submitted for reimbursement by DERF will be approved. All incurred costs are subject to the eligibility requirements listed under s. NR 169.13(2), Eligible Costs, and will be reviewed for compliance. All other requirements for investigation and remediation of the release as well as DERF requirements also apply. This includes submitting and obtaining approval for the remedial action bid proposal. If the Department finds the workplan or proposal are unreasonable or inadequate, ch. NR 169.23(3) gives the Department authority to require an owner or operator to obtain additional workplans or proposals.

This variance approval will be filed and reviewed with any future DERF reimbursement requests.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me at 920-424-7077 or richard.joslin@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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