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Subject: Browntown Oil Station, 303 N Mill St, Browntown

Dear Mr. Sigafus:

On May 26, 1992, the Department was notified regarding a possible release of petroleum contaminants discovered during installation of a water main in front of your property.

On June 3, 1992, Department employees visited your site and obtained a soil sample from your property. The sample was laboratory analyzed and the result indicates contamination is present. An investigation will be necessary to determine the extent of the contamination.

The Spill Law authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to enforce clean-up of contaminated sites. Section 144.76 of the Wisconsin Statutes (Spill Law) requires that,

"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 this state."

As the owner of the property where a petroleum release has occurred, you are required to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination and clean-up/properly dispose of the contaminants. The fire department must be notified immediately of any possible explosive vapors in buildings or utilities resulting from the release. Known or possible contaminated drinking water supplies must be identified.

Owners of federally-regulated tanks must comply with federal underground storage tank requirements (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 280 & 281).



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The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority to enforce those requirements, but will generally not take action against parties cooperating with the state. You will be able to fulfill your responsibilities under federal law by working with a qualified environmental consultant who follows Department of Natural Resources' guidance and codes.

It is important that an investigation begins at your site as soon as possible. The longer contamination is left in the environment, the farther it can spread and the more difficult it becomes to cleanup. Remediation of petroleum contamination requires professional engineering and hydrogeologic experience. Within 30 days, you must submit verification that you have hired a consultant (such as a letter from the firm) and indicate the date the consultant will begin the investigation.

Financial assistance to owners of eligible underground storage tanks is offered through the state's Petroleum Storage Remedial Action Fund, commonly called PECFA. This fund is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations (DILHR). Please contact DILHR at (608) 267-4545 to determine your eligibility for this program or for more information.

Enclosed are materials to aid you in your search for a consultant, an Application to Treat or Dispose of Contaminated Soil, and additional information on cleaning up your site.

If you have any questions, please call me at the number shown below.

Sincerely,



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