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November 15, 2019

Mr. Shane Rader Rib River Developers 3301 Sherman Street Wausau WI 54401

CERTIFIED MAIL

Subject: Notice of Non-Compliance: Action Required by December 15, 2019

Notice of Potential Deed Affidavit per Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11

Site Name: Trantow Property Former ("Site")

Site Address: 3407 Sherman Street, Wausau WI ("Property")

BRRTs #02-37-275016

Dear Mr. Rader:

This letter is to notify you that you remain out of compliance with Wisconsin Statutes chapter 292 and Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters NR 700 through NR 754. On November 19, 2004, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("department") notified you of your responsibilities to investigate the degree and extent of contamination and clean up the above-referenced site. That letter is attached for your reference.

Since the November 19, 2004, Responsible Party letter the department has made numerous attempts to work with you to gain compliance. On April 30, 2019, an enforcement conference was held to discuss the requirement for investigation and cleanup at this property. On May 7, 2019, you were sent a Notice of Violation and Enforcement Conference Summary letter in which you were notified that the department is pursuing placement of a deed affidavit (Notice of Contamination) on your property.

Notice of Non-Compliance

Please be aware that the department may initiate enforcement action against you for failure to comply with Wis. Stat. ch. 292. Your legal responsibilities are defined both in Wis. Stat. ch. 292 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 - 754 and are also described in the November 19, 2004 letter. In particular, Wis. Stat. § 292.11(3), states:

RESPONSIBILITY. 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 the state.

Our information indicates that you have not completed the site investigation and remediated the site.

Guidance for meeting statutory requirements is available in code. Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 - 754 establish requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure. Ch. NR 708 includes provisions for immediate actions in response to



limited contamination. Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 140 establishes groundwater quality standards for contaminants that reach groundwater.

Notice of Potential Deed Affidavit

If you elect not to move forward with the necessary response actions at your site, the department intends to file a deed affidavit on the Property per Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11(2), which states:

Where the department has information to demonstrate that the source of contamination is on the property and the property owner or other responsible party has failed to take adequate response action, the department may record an affidavit at the office of the register of deeds for the county in which the property is located..."

This affidavit would provide notice to the public, and any prospective purchaser, of the existing contamination and the environmental liability associated with the Property.

Response Requested

The department is requesting that <u>by December 15, 2019</u>, <u>you hire a consultant to complete the site investigation and prepare a work plan to remediate the contamination.</u>

Please understand that you are in noncompliance and will remain in noncompliance until you fulfill all requirements of the statute. Failure to take the actions required by Wis. Stat. ch. 292 to address this contamination will cause the department to take appropriate enforcement action.

Additionally, with regard to the potential deed affidavit, you <u>must respond by December 15, 2019</u> and either indicate that the Property will be promptly investigated and remediated in compliance with applicable statutes and rules or provide information which clearly demonstrates that there is no environmental contamination on the Property (Wis. Admin. Code § NR 728.11(2)(a)).

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to write or call Dee Lance at 715-421-7862 or email Dee.Lance@wisconsin.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dave Rozeboom

West Central Region Team Supervisor Remediation & Redevelopment Program

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Encl.

RP letter dated November 19, 20104



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November 19, 2004

Shane M. Rader Rib River Developers, LLC 3301 Sherman St. Wausau, WI 54401

Subject:

Reported Contamination at Trantow Property, 3407 Sherman St., Wausau, WI

WDNR BRRTS # 02-37-275016

Dear Mr. Rader:

It is our understanding that you as Rib River Developers purchased the property at 3407 Sherman Street in April 2004. In December 2000 we were made aware of possible soil contamination on the property at 3407 Sherman Street. On June 20, 2001 Mr. Dean Trantow confirmed that a soil sample was collected from the property and analyzed for metals. Several metals were detected in the sample (See attached). Based on the information provided responsible party letter was sent to Ms. Irene Trantow notifying her of her responsibilities for investigating the contamination.

Based on the information that we obtained from the Marathon County Register of Deeds you are now the owner of the property. As the property owner, we believe you are responsible for investigating and restoring the environment at the above-described site under Section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes, known as the hazardous substances spills law.

This letter describes the legal responsibilities of a person who is responsible under section 292.11, explains what you need to do to investigate and clean up the contamination, and provides you with information about cleanups, environmental consultants, possible financial assistance, and working cooperatively with the WDNR and Department of Commerce ("Commerce").

Legal Responsibilities:

Your legal responsibilities are defined both in statute and in administrative codes. The hazardous substances spill law, Section 292.11 (3) Wisconsin Statutes, states:

RESPONSIBILITY. 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
the state.

Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters NR 700 through NR 749 establish requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure. Chapter NR 708 includes provisions for immediate



actions in response to limited contamination. Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter NR 140 establishes groundwater standards for contaminants that reach groundwater.

Steps to Take:

The longer contamination is left in the environment, the farther it can spread and the more it may cost to clean up. Quick action may lessen damage to your property and neighboring properties and reduce your costs in investigating and cleaning up the contamination. To ensure that your cleanup complies with Wisconsin's laws and administrative codes, you should hire a professional environmental consultant who understands what needs to be done. These are the first three steps to take:

- 1. Within the next **30 days**, by December 15, 2004, you should submit <u>written</u> verification (such as a letter from the consultant) that you have hired an environmental consultant. If you do not take action within this time frame, the WDNR may initiate enforcement action against you.
- 2. Within the next **60 days**, by January 14, 2005, your consultant should submit a work plan and schedule for the investigation. The consultant must comply with the requirements in the NR 700 rule series and should refer to WDNR technical guidance documents. To facilitate prompt agency review of your reports, your consultant should use the site investigation and closure formats which are available on-line at www.dnr.state.wi.us.

Once an investigation has established the degree and extent of contamination at your site, your consultant will be able to determine whether Commerce or the WDNR has authority over the case.

- 3. Within 30 days of completion of the site investigation, you or your consultant must provide a brief report at least every 90 days as required by s. NR 724.13 (3), Wis. Adm. Code. Quarterly reports need only include one or two pages of text, plus any relevant maps and tables. Should conditions at your site warrant, we may require more frequent contacts.
- 4. Sites where discharges to the environment have been reported are entered into the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System ("BRRTS"), a version of which appears on the WDNR's internet site. You may view the information related to your site at any time (http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/brrts) and use the feedback system to alert us to any errors in the data.

If you want a formal response from the agency on a specific submittal, please be aware that a review fee is required in accordance with ch. NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. If a fee is not submitted with your reports, you should proceed under the advice of your consultant to complete the site investigation to maintain your compliance with the spills law and chapters NR 700 through NR 749. **Do not delay the investigation of your site by waiting for an agency response.** We have provided detailed technical guidance to environmental consultants. Your consultant is expected to know our technical procedures and administrative rules and should be able to answer your questions on meeting cleanup requirements.

All correspondence regarding this site should be sent to:

Lisa Gutknecht Remediation and Redevelopment Program Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 5301 Rib Mountain Drive Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

Unless otherwise requested, please send only one copy of plans and reports. To speed processing, correspondence should reference the BRRTS and FID numbers (if assigned) shown at the top of this letter.

Additional Information for Site Owners:

Information to help you select a consultant, and materials on controlling costs, understanding the cleanup process, and choosing a site cleanup method are enclosed. In addition, *Fact Sheet 2, Voluntary Party Remediation and Exemption from Liability* provides information on obtaining the protection of limited liability under s. 292.15, Wis. Stats.

Please call me at (715) 359-6514 for more information on eligibility for financial assistance or visit the RR web site . http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr. You may also contact me for all other questions regarding this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gutknecht Hydrogeologist

Bureau for Remediation & Redevelopment

Enclosures:

1. Soil sample results

2. Selecting a consultant

3. Fact Sheet 2, VPLE

cc: Bill Evans - DNR, Eau Claire

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