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Mr. Biondo,

I've been working with Candace Sykora to understand the vapor concerns at your 1241 La Crosse Street building as well as reviewing DNR records related to the former cleanup site at this property. Candace shared with me your correspondences and I understand your frustration with the DNR on this. From your previous email I understand that you want the DNR to cover testing costs as well as other costs resulting from this testing. Additionally, you were looking for more information as to why the DNR is requesting this testing now as opposed to in 2015.

I think it's important to address the science piece first. In 2015, when you were working with Gina Keenan, the DNR and our partners at the Department of Health did not understand the acute risk posed by a specific compound that may be present at your property- tetrachloroethene (TCE). The primary contaminant of concern at your property when it was being investigated was tetrachloroethane (PCE). Over time, PCE can degrade to TCE at which point it becomes more toxic if ingested or inhaled. Given what we now know, the DNR requires this testing at all sites where TCE or PCE have been identified, often before extensive soil or groundwater testing is done.

Regarding costs, the La Crosse County Health Department is willing to cover the cost of sampling indoor at 1241 La Crosse Street. If that testing shows levels of chlorinated organic compounds which would warrant further testing or mitigation, the DNR can cover those costs.

Winter is the best time to take these samples, now that it is finally here, we want to work together with you to move this initiate forward. I hope you're open to discussing this further, please call or email me with your thoughts.

Thanks,
Matt

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