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Mr. John Gerth Bulk Petroleum Corporation Mequon, WI 53097

RE:

**Request for Site Update** 

SuperAmerica Station #4048, 6512 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, WI WDNR BRRTS # 03-41-002641 PECFA # 53209-3115-12

Dear Mr. Gerth:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is undertaking a project to address open environmental contamination sites that have been inactive for several years. We are sending letters to those property owners to determine the status of these cases and to request additional work, if necessary. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we try to resolve these old cases.

According to information in the case file, the DNR was notified on September 4, 1992 of petroleum contamination discovered during piping system activities. Property records from Milwaukee County identify you as the current owner of the subject property. As the property owner, you are responsible for investigating and restoring the environment at the property listed above under Wisconsin Statutes § 292.11, also known as the hazardous substances spill law. This law states:

"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 water of the State."

This letter is to notify you of your responsibility under Wis. Stats. § 292.11, as the current owner of the property, to address contamination at the site.

During our recent review of the case file for the above referenced property, the DNR found the most recent document to be a Cost for Additional Site Investigation letter from Northern Environmental Technologies, Inc. dated February 27, 2004. The Department of Commerce approved the additional site investigation costs on March 25, 2004 as outlined in the Redetermination of Costs approval letter. The letter is attached for your convenience. We have not received any written correspondence or reporting for the case since the Cost for Additional Site Investigation letter from 2004.

Environmental investigation and cleanup work associated with the petroleum releases at this site are eligible for cost reimbursement under the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) program. However, it is important that you are aware that reimbursement funding will not be available after **June 30, 2020**. Any claim submitted after this deadline will not be reimbursed. All reimbursement



claims must be submitted to the DNR within 180 days of incurring the eligible costs. Refer to the enclosed PECFA Update, DNR RR-046 that contains important information about the end of the PECFA Program.

Your obligation to address environmental contamination associated with this property continues whether PECFA reimbursement funding is available or not. You are required to complete the work necessary to bring this case to closure. Therefore, it is in your best interest to complete PECFA-eligible cleanup work on your property as soon as possible.

By January 21, 2018, inform the DNR in writing of your intentions to bring this case to closure. Be aware that periods of inactivity and non-compliance can affect PECFA reimbursement. <u>In addition</u>, the DNR can pursue enforcement process if you do not respond to his request.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. If you or your environmental consultant has questions regarding this letter or the open environmental case at this property, please contact me through writing at the letterhead address, by phone at (414) 263-8541, or by email at madeline.salo@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Madeline Salo Hydrogeologist

Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Enclosures:

-Redetermination of Costs letter, March 24, 2004

-PECFA Update, August 2015

cc: Tim Zeichert-DNR, Pamela Mylotta-DNR, Michele Norman-DNR