



January 11, 2023

Badger Lease and Auto Sales Inc.
Steven Wiedmeyer
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9601 W. Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214

Subject: Reported Contamination at Badger Lease and Auto Sales Inc.
9601 W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214
DNR BRRTS Activity # 02-41-305222 and 03-41-005185
DNR FID # 241855460

Dear Steven Wiedmeyer:

Based on the information available to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), we believe that Badger Lease and Auto Sales Inc. is the owner of the above-referenced property. The purpose of this letter is to clarify your responsibilities to address the hazardous substance discharges that occurred on the property. As the property owner, you are in possession or control of the hazardous substance discharges or other environmental pollution (contamination) at the above-described sites, and as such, you are responsible under Wisconsin Statutes (Wis. Stat.) ch. 292 for the investigation and cleanup of the contamination at the site. The term "site" includes the area where the discharge occurred and any area to which it has migrated, pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative (Wis. Admin.) Code § NR 700.03(56).

On October 9, 1995, the DNR was notified that petroleum contamination was detected at the property and BRRTS activity number 03-41-005185 was assigned. On November 20, 1995, you were notified of your responsibility for the investigation and cleanup of the contamination at the site. Subsequent investigation activities identified chlorinated volatile organic compound (CVOC) contamination at the property, in addition to the petroleum contamination. On March 12, 2002, a separate BRRTS activity number 02-41-305222 was assigned to address the CVOC contamination.

The DNR has not received an update with new sample data since February 15, 2017. Both sites remain open. Within 30 days of the date of this letter, by February 10, the DNR requests you provide a written update regarding the current status of both sites and your plans to address the petroleum and CVOC contamination.

Legal Responsibilities:

Persons meeting the definition of "responsible party" under Wis. Admin. Code § NR 700.03 (51) must follow applicable law to address the discharge of a hazardous substance to the environment or other environmental pollution. Wis. Stat. ch. 292 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700-799 provide specific requirements for undertaking appropriate response actions to address contamination, including requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, remedy selection, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure.

Special Vapor Intrusion Concern with Trichloroethylene:

Contamination that includes trichloroethylene (“TCE”), a chlorinated solvent and common degreaser, is of special concern from a human health perspective due to its potential for acute (short-term) health risks at relatively low concentrations in air. TCE is also a breakdown product of tetrachloroethylene (“PCE,” also known as “Perc”), a historically common dry-cleaning chemical. Vapors can travel from contaminated soil or groundwater and along preferential pathways, such as within sewer lines, and enter occupied buildings. This is known as vapor intrusion (VI). Screening for VI must be conducted at every contaminated site in Wisconsin, as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § 716.11 (5) (a). **However, when TCE is present, screening for VI should be made a priority and an interim action under Wis. Admin. Code § NR 708.11 may be necessary.** For an overview on VI, see *What is Vapor Intrusion?* (RR-892). For more information, go to dnr.wi.gov and search “vapor.” Additional technical guidance on VI is available in *Addressing Vapor Intrusion at Remediation & Redevelopment Sites in Wisconsin*, (RR-800).

Additional Information:

Site-related information and DNR contacts can be found online in the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) on the Web (BOTW); visit dnr.wi.gov, search “BOTW.” Use the BRRTS activity numbers found at the top of this letter. The sites can also be found on the map view, Remediation and Redevelopment Sites Map (RRSM), by visiting dnr.wi.gov, search “RRSM.”

Send correspondence regarding these sites to the DNR using the RR Program Submittal Portal at dnr.wi.gov, search “RR submittal portal.” Refer to DNR publication *Guidance for Electronic Submittals for the Remediation and Redevelopment Program* (RR-690), for information about using the Submittal Portal. Questions on using the portal can also be directed to Jennifer Meyer, the environmental program associate for the Southeast region DNR office.

If you have questions, please contact the DNR project manager for the CVOC site, Joseph Martinez, at 414-218-6042, or by email at joseph.martinez@wisconsin.gov, or the DNR project manager for the petroleum site, Linda Michalets, at 414-435-8010, or by email at linda.michalets@wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

DNR Letter – *Reported Contamination at: Badger Leasing*, November 20, 1995
RR-892, *What is Vapor Intrusion?*

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