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ERR/ERP

Mr. Martin Wegner, Production Manager
Milwaukee Die Casting Company, Inc.
4132 North Holton Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

SUBJECT: Reported Contamination at Milwaukee Die Casting Company, Inc., 4132
North Holton Street, Milwaukee

Dear Mr. Wegner:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) was notified December 4, 1989 of soil contamination at the above site location. Trichloroethylene contamination was found in the soil; however, to the best of my knowledge, groundwater sampling was not performed at that time. Due to WDNR staff shortages, we unfortunately have not been able to follow-up on the remediation progress for this site. Your case file does not contain the information we need to adequately determine if there is an environmental or public health risk at the above site location.

Based on the information received by the Department of Natural Resources, we believe Milwaukee Die Casting is responsible for restoring the environment at this site under Section 144.76, Wisconsin Stats., known as the hazardous substances spills law. The conditions present at this site may pose a serious threat to human health and/or the environment. The site specific information known to the WDNR at this time, however, is not adequate to evaluate the relative potential threat from this site.

WDNR SE District Review Prioritization Policy

Due to the WDNR workload, it is necessary to rank all contamination cases for review priority. The highest priority sites have assigned WDNR project managers who are actively reviewing and approving investigation and remediation plans. Lower priority cases do not always have assigned project managers, however, responsible parties are required to proceed with investigation and clean-up efforts. Due to the lack of information about this site, it's relative priority cannot be determined. Therefore, the priority ranking of this site is considered unknown. Until a priority has been assigned to this site, you should proceed with the required response work, submitting all plans and reports, along with quarterly status reports, to this office. The WDNR will notify you if active oversight for you site will be given.

Your responsibilities include investigating the extent of the contamination and then selecting and implementing the most appropriate remedial action. Enclosed is information to help you understand what you need to do to ensure your compliance with the spills law.

The purpose of this letter is threefold: 1) to describe your legal responsibilities, 2) to explain what you need to do to investigate and clean up the contamination, and 3) to provide you with information about cleanups, environmental consultants, possible financial assistance, and working cooperatively with the Department of Natural Resources.

Unless otherwise requested, please send only one copy of all plans and reports. Correspondence should be identified with the assigned WDNR facility identification number (FID#, ERR/ERP) which is listed at the top of this letter.

Information for Site Owners:

Enclosed is a list of environmental consultants and some important tips on selecting a consultant. If you are eligible for reimbursement of costs under Wisconsin's PECFA program (see last paragraph) you will need to compare at least three consultants' proposals before hiring a consultant. Consultants and laboratories working in the PECFA program are required to carry errors and omissions insurance to help protect you against unsuitable work. Also enclosed are materials on controlling costs, understanding the cleanup process, and choosing a site cleanup method. This information has been prepared to help you understand your responsibilities and what your environmental consultant needs to do. Please read this information carefully.

If you are interested in obtaining the protection of limited liability under s. 144.765, Stats., please contact Mark Giesfeldt at (608) 267-7562 or Darsi Foss at (608) 267-6713, in the Department of Natural Resources' Madison office for more information. The liability exemption under s. 144.765, Stats., is available to persons who meet the definition of "purchaser" in s. 144.765(1)(c) and receive Department approval for the response actions taken at the property undergoing cleanup. The Department will determine eligibility for this program on a case-by-case basis, prior to the "purchaser" developing a scope of work for conducting a ch. NR 716 site investigation at the property.

Financial Information:

Reimbursement from the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund (PECFA) is available for the costs of cleaning up contamination from eligible petroleum storage tanks. The fund is administered by the Department of Industry, Labor, and Human Relations (DILHR). Please contact DILHR at (608) 266-2424 for more information on eligibility and regulations for this program.

If you have any questions about this letter or your responsibilities, please call me at (414) 229-0801.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Julie Hanrahan
Program Assistant

Enclosures: Selecting an Environmental Consultant
 Environmental Services Contractors List
 Cleanup Process for the Emergency and Remedial Response Program
 Quarterly Updates for Cleanup of Contaminated Properties
 Cleanup Methods for Petroleum-Contaminated Soil and Groundwater
 Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 700 Outline

c: SED Casefile