

TO

Mr. Gary Kulibert  
District Solid Waste Coordinator  
WISCONSIN DNR  
North Central Dist. Headquarters  
Box 818  
Rhineland, WI. 53501

FROM

**C. M. CHRISTIANSEN CO.**  
1 Lake Street P O Box 100  
Phelps, WI 54554  
(715) 545-2333

SUBJECT POLE YARD

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DATE

October 29, 1987

**MESSAGE**

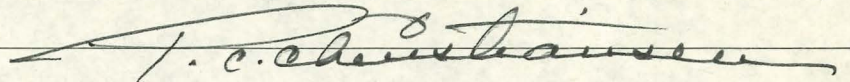
Dear Mr. Kulibert:

On October 1, 1987, we responded to your letter of September 25th with the answers to your questions and with requests for information from you.

We are awaiting your assistance.

Sincerely,

C. M. CHRISTIANSEN CO.



P. C. Christiansen  
President & C.E.O.

PCC/ms

SIGNED

DATE

**REPLY**

# C.M. CHRISTIANSEN CO.

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~~ALVIN DEWOLFE, TREASURER~~

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October 1, 1987

Mr. Gary Kulibert  
District Solid Waste Coordinator  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Department of Natural Resources  
North Central District Headquarters  
Box 818  
Rhineland, WI. 54501

Dear Mr. Kulibert:

In prompt reply to your letter dated September 25, 1987,  
my comments are as follows:

- 1) We began pole treating in 1954.
- 2) We treated our last poles in 1978.  
We have been out of the treating business since  
that time.
- 3) The minimal inventory of chemicals for analysis  
on hand (now in Mr. Crass' home basement is as  
follows:

1½ lbs Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> KNO<sub>3</sub> mix (white powder)  
¾ Quart AGNO<sub>3</sub> (liquid)  
1/6 Pint VOLHARD indicator

How do we dispose of all? (We need none of it!)

- 4) Who were the children that broke into our locked  
building (where the chemicals were stored), and  
what disposition has been made (or will be made)  
regarding this illegal entry? What is our legal  
recourse?
- 5) You neglected to enclose (first paragraph of your  
letter) "a list of such facilities".
- 6) Please note enclosed copy of a letter out of your  
office dated October 4, 1973, signed by Mr Morehouse,  
Waters Management Investigator, which was our "Bible"  
until we closed shop (copy sent to your Woodruff  
Office).

Gary Kulibert, Wisconsin DNR  
North Central Headquarters

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Some few years ago we responded to a State questionnaire regarding our treating operation here. I believe we were (and had been) inoperative for a number of years then. The single and only reason we discontinued treating operations was owing to our

- 1) Inability to obtain Western Red Cedar poles for the power transmission industry and
- 2) No demand for telephone poles (they went underground) and
- 3) The general poor business climate - lack of demand for power transmission poles (also increased usage of underground cable, etc.)
- 4) Finally, our Pole Division Manager of many years retired. That was it!

Fortunately, it seems, we got out of the business, one way or another. I am indeed sorry fine businesses must fold at some point in time, but we made room for the Cable industry. Unfortunately, we cannot manufacture cable in Phelps, Vilas County, or do you have some connections?

Under the foregoing circumstances, I don't feel we need to be obligated to go to all the expense of what you might have thought necessary. We have done what was requested and were given assurances we were not derelict.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. CHRISTIANSEN CO.



P. C. Christiansen,  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Encl: Copy of Morehouse Letter of 10/4/73, File No. 3530

No copies to anyone in your department!

P.S. I will not authorize the payment for a long-dead horse, especially one who was good for many years to a number of local families!

P.C.C.



State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DHK

L. P. Voigt  
Secretary

North Central District Headquarters  
Box 818  
Rhineland, Wisconsin 54501

IN REPLY REFER TO: 3530

October 4, 1973

C. M. Christensen Company  
Phelps  
Wisconsin 54554

Attention: Mr. Donald Crass, Pole Yard Manager

Gentlemen:

This is in confirmation of our discussion with Mr. Crass at the pole yard at Phelps, Wisconsin, relative to treated poles and the possibility of it leaching into adjacent Mill Creek. We were able to determine that the poles are treated by being submerged in a large tank, after which they are removed and stacked to dry along the side of the tank and on the adjacent area. There appears to be a slope of 15 degrees toward Mill Creek and heavy rains could wash residue from the poles into the creek. Our examination, however, found no heavy concentration of this residue as evidenced by the vegetation in the area.

It appears that there is no problem at the present time and that no material does actually reach the creek. We do urge caution and extreme care in this operation, not only to prevent a future problem here, but also to insure protection for Mill Creek. We know of your interest in the waters of the Phelps area and we do appreciate your cooperation in future protective measures that you may employ to reduce the possibility of any contamination of the creek.

Very truly yours,

*L. E. Morehouse*

L. E. Morehouse  
Waters Management Investigator

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cc: Ed Brick  
District Headquarters  
Area Office - Woodruff