



State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Carroll D. Besadny
Secretary

North Central District Headquarters
P. O. Box 818
Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501
(715)362-7616

September 1, 1989

Mr. P. C. Christiansen, President and C.E.O
C.M. Christiansen Company
P. O. Box 100
Phelps, Wisconsin 54554

Dear Mr. Christiansen,

This letter is in regard to our investigation of some drums on the Sylvan property on Hyw. E in Phelps, Wisconsin. This property is owned by the C. M. Christiansen Company.

On August 31, 1989 Conservation Warden Bruce Nimz and I stopped at your office to request permission to investigate an anonymous complaint about some leaking drums behind the Sylvan building. You indicated that you were aware that some drums were there, but were not sure what they contained. We did find approximately 31 drums behind the buildings. Some of the drums contained liquids and other drums were leaking on to the ground. I used an Hnu meter to detect the presence of organic vapors. At several locations I detected 150 to 200 meter units in the soils and drums. This indicates the presence of organic compounds.

Wisconsin's spill law (Section 144.76 Wis. Stats.) require you, as the property owner, to clean-up the spilled material in a timely manor. The Department recommends that you hire a contractor to do the following actives:

1. Temporarily secure the area to prevent anyone from coming in contact with the waste. This should be done as soon as possible.
2. Sample the material in the drums to determine if the material is classified as a hazardous waste. Many organic chemicals, including paints and solvents are classified as hazardous waste.
3. Re-containerize the drums and store them in a safe location until they can be disposed of.
4. Once the above activities are completed you will have to access the contaminated soils and groundwater to determine if additional remediation is necessary.

Attached is a list of qualified contractors that do this type of work. This case has not been permanently assigned to me. As soon as an investigator has been permanently assigned they will be contacting you. In the mean time if you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,


Thomas S. Jerow

Environmental Specialist
enc

cc: Bruce Nimz

→ Archie Wilson

27-JAN-88

ABANDONED CONTAINER CONTRACTORS - CONTR.WK1

NAME	CONTACT	PHONE #	STREET	CITY	ZIP	SPECIALTY
AQUA-TECH	GREG BOWEN	414 284-5746	140 S. PARK ST.	PORT WASHINGTON ✓	WI 53704	AB. CONTAINERS/LAB
BAY WEST INC.	RONDI ERICKSON	612 291-0456	5 EMPIRE DR.	ST. PAUL	MN 55103	CLEAN-UP
CBC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	ELIZABETH STERNKOPF	414 764-7005	140 E. RYAN RD.	OAK CREEK ✓	WI 53154	AB. CONTAINERS/LAB
CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT	ERIC LAUT	312 396-1050	4300 W. 123 RD. ST	ALSIP	IL 60658	CLEAN-UP/AB. CONTAINERS
E & K HAZARDOUS WASTE SERVICES	DAVID BARDON	414 458-6030	4024 HIGHWAY 42 NORTH	SHEBOYGAN ✓	WI 53081	CLEAN-UP/AB. CONTAINERS
EMERGENCY TECH. SERVICE CORP	IRV KRAUT	312 980-3872	BOX 941145	SCHAUMBURG	IL 60194	EXPLOSIVE WASTE
G.S.X. CORP.	LARRY K. DAVIS	800 845-1019	BOX 210799	COLUMBIA	SC 29221	CLEAN-UP/AB. CONTAINERS
ICEP	JAMES HOELZEMAN	219 397-5823	3468 WATLING RD.	EAST CHICAGO	IN 46312	LUST
O.H. MATERIALS CO.	JOHN DEFRIEZE	612 593-9119	3241 WINPARK DR.	NEW HOPE	MN 55427	CLEAN-UP
REXNORD ENVIRO-TECHNOLOGY CTR.	JEFF POPE	414 643-2762	5103 W. BELOIT RD.	MILWAUKEE ✓	WI 53214	RESEARCH
ROLLINS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC.	JACK HORNBERGER	302 479-2980	4415 W. HARRISON ST	HILLSIDE	IL 60162	PCB'S
SPECIAL WASTE INC.	KURT WHITMAN	414 284-3427	BOX B	SAUKVILLE ✓	WI 53080	AB. CONTAINERS
WASTE RESEARCH & RECLAMATION		715 834-9624	RT 7	EAU CLAIRE ✓	WI 54701	SOLVENTS

NOTE: THIS LIST CONTAINS ONLY CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE CONDUCTED ABANDONED CONTAINER RESPONSE WORK OR FIRMS THAT HAVE RECENTLY REQUESTED TO BE ADDED TO THIS LIST, MANY ADDITIONNAL FIRMS ARE AVAILABLE AND MAYBE CONTACTED REGARDING RESPONSE WORK BY THE DISTRICT.