

Sylvan Products Corporation



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and
AUTHENTIC LOG HOMES

September 5, 1989

Attn: Greg Bowen
AQUA-TECH
140 S. Park St.
Port Washington, WI. 53704

Gentlemen:

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is some old varnish and stain in metal 55 gallon drums.
Nothing very toxic to my knowledge.

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Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

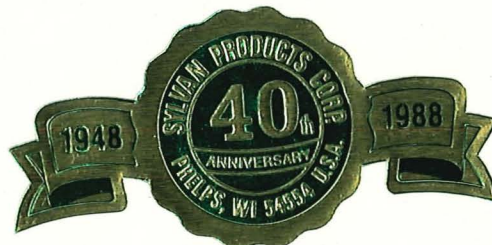
SYLVAN PRODUCTS CORPORATION

P. C. Christiansen
Sole Stockholder

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Encl: Letter from Wisconsin DNR dated 9/1/89

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CBC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
ATTN: ELIZABETH STERNKOPF
140 E. Ryan Road
Oak Creek, WI. 53154

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ATTN: DAVID BARDON
E & K HAZARDOUS WASTE SERVICES
4024 Hwy 42 North
Sheboygan, WI. 53081

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Attn: Jeff Pope
REXNORD ENVIRO-TECHNOLOGY Ctr.
5103 W. Beloit Road
Milwaukee, WI. 53214

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Attn: Kurt Whitman
SPECIAL WASTE INC.
Box B
Saukville, WI. 53080

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WASTE RESEARCH & RECLAMATION
Rt. 7
Eau Claire, WI. 54701

Gentlemen:

Please see the attached letter from the Wisconsin DNR in Rhineland.

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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

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Environmental Specialist

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cc: Bruce Nimz
Archie Wilson