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File Ref. 4430

Mr. P. C. Christiansen
P. O. Box 100
Phelps, Wisconsin 54554

Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

Subject: Spill from drums, Sylvan Products Corporation, CTH E,
Phelps, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Christiansen:

The North Central District received a complaint of leaking drums located on Sylvan Products property and investigated said complaint on 8/31/89 and on 9/19/89. Tom Jerow of the Department sent you a letter dated 9/1/89 requesting you to secure the area, sample the drums, recontainerize leaking and damaged drums and determine if soils and groundwater were impacted from the discharge. Included in that letter was a list of firms capable of doing the requested work.

During my site visit of 9/19/89, you indicated that you had yet to retain a consultant or contractor to complete the requests of Mr. Jerow. As indicated in the previous correspondence, s. 144.76, Stats., requires you to take appropriate and timely actions to address a spill. The material is on property under your control and the appearance and location of the drums is such to suggest their placement was not by trespassers. Failure to address the spill would allow the Department to take appropriate actions to address the spill and seek cost recovery from any responsible party.

The Department therefore requests that within 15 days of the receipt of this letter:

The area around the aforementioned drums be secured as to public access by means of fencing or other access prevention methods.

All drums be sampled and properly characterized for hazardous waste determination. The drums that were located in the "pier building" should also be sampled and analyzed. At a minimum the parameters to be analyzed for should include: volatile organic compounds (VOCs), EP metals, PCBs, pentachlorophenol and flash point. Sampling and analysis methods should be in accordance with SW-846 "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste" and documented.

All drums that are leaking or in such condition that recontainerization is necessary be recontainerized in leak proof containers.


A consultant be retained to determine the degree and extent of contamination to the soils and groundwater at the site.

Submit a report, to this office, defining the extent and degree of contamination of the site within 60 days of the receipt of this letter. Solicitation of Department comments as to the investigation is encouraged.

The Department will consider enforcement actions for failure to comply with the above requests. As over a month has passed since you were originally requested to address this situation, continued delay is unwarranted.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at (715) 848-2201.

Sincerely,
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT


Richard R. Eakins
Hazardous Waste Specialist

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SW/3, Spills

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