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SUBJECT: Memories of Christiansen Co., Phelps WI.; 1971

This memo is the recollection of a visit to Phelps WI. during the summer of 1971, as such the memories are incomplete and very distant, please keep this in mind in reviewing the information provided.

In the summer of 1971 I was employed in the area of electrical construction and was responsible for delivering materials to the field crews. During the construction of a power line a need came up for taller poles to cross a highway, these poles were obtained from Christiansen Co. in Phelps.

Upon arriving in Phelps we pulled into a large area next to a stream to load the poles. The poles were loaded from a depression in the ground onto the truck. The depression in the ground was filled with what appeared to be a wood treatment chemical and was lined with a plastic liner. While the poles were being tied down to the truck, I witnessed workers removing the plastic liner from the depression, and allowing the liquid to seep away. The poles on the truck were allowed to drain onto the surface for appx. 20 min. until the truck was driven off.

During the summer of 1971 this was my only contact with Phelps/ Christiansen Co. I had no further contact with this area until I entered employment with the WDNR and attempted to perform a hazardous waste inspection of C.M. Christiansen in 1980, at which time Mr. Christiansen informed me the Co. had stopped business in early 1980 and the RCRA hazardous waste generator registration forms were no longer valid. No inspection of the Co. was performed.