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## WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES, INC.

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To Scott Watson	From Bob Edstrom	
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Re: C.M. Christiansen Co., Phelps, Wisconsin - Pole Treatment Project

Dear Mr. Watson:

We have recently become aware of certain information about the C.M. Christiansen Co. Pole Treatment Site that may be helpful to you before proceeding with the analysis of samples collected by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) during the week of October 9, 1995. During the analysis of samples collected by White Water Associates, Inc. and Coleman Engineering Co., certain analyte interferences were noted and later confirmed by GC/MS to be Polychlorinated Diphenylethers (PCDPEs). It is quite possible that these compounds are reasons for the unusual and questionable chlorinated pesticides identifications. It is our recommendation that the WDNR investigate the existence of PCDPEs in their previously collected samples before proceeding with any further analyses for chlorinated pesticides.

For further information about these compounds in organic wood preservatives please refer to "CONTAMINANTS AND REMEDIAL OPTIONS AT WOOD PRESERVING SITES", from the U.S. EPA, Risk Reduction Engineering Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio. Although this information may come at an unfortunate time during the WDNR's analysis of Military Creek samples, this information could have been made available to the WDNR had we been properly notified of the

DNR's commitment to sampling during the second week of October. We trust that the C.M. Christiansen Co. will not be charged by the WDNR for any unnecessary sample analyses.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (906) 822-7373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Edstrom".

Robert D. Edstrom, Ph.D.

cc: R. Roder; Rheinart. Boerner, Van Deuren, Norris & Rieselbach, S.C.  
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