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MR KEVIN BAUMGARD NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PO BOX 708 ST CROIX FALLS WI 54024 FILE COPY

Re: Site Closure - St. Croix National Scenic Riverway - Anderson Property Fuel Oil Tank (NWD ERP Case #49-00101), S-1561 Highway 87, Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Baumgard:

On September 29, 1993, the Department of Natural Resources provided a notice to the National Park Service that the degree and extent of petroleum contamination at the above named site was required to be investigated and remediated. We have since been informed that the required investigation and remediation has been accomplished.

On December 5, 1995, I presented the case for the above mentioned site to the Northwest District Close Out Committee for a determination as to whether or not the case qualified for close out under ch. NR 726, Wis. Adm. Code. At that time, the Committee concurred with your consultant's recommendation for closure of the site. As a condition of closure, however, the Committee stated that the Department must receive evidence of the proper abandonment of the site's groundwater monitoring wells before the closure letter could be issued. Earlier today, the Department received completed Forms 3300-5W, Well/Drillhole/Borehole Abandonment, which indicate that you have met this condition.

Based on the investigative and remedial documentation provided to the Department, it appears that the petroleum contamination at the above named site has been remediated in compliance with the requirements of chs. NR 700 to 724, Wis. Adm. Code. Therefore, the Department considers the case "closed", having determined that no further action is necessary at the site at this time. However, the case may be reopened pursuant to s. NR 726.09, Wis. Adm. Code, if additional information regarding site conditions indicates that contamination on or from the site poses a threat to public health, safety or welfare, or the environment.

You should note that this letter does not constitute Department "certification" under s. 144.765 (2) (a) 3, Wis. Stats., as created by 1993 Wisconsin Act 453 (May 12, 1994). Persons who meet the definition of "purchaser" in s. 144.765 (1) (c), must receive Department pre-approval prior to conducting a site investigation in order to be eligible for the liability exemption under s. 144.765, Wis. Stats.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the project in general, please do not hesitate to write or call me at 715/372-4866.

Sincerely,

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