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Mr. Ronald Beidelman  
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Re: Mercury Contamination Related to Meter Stations  
NWD ERP Cases # 55-00141 Ladysmith  
51-00142 Park Falls  
16-00143 Superior

Dear Mr. Beidelman:

This letter is to advise you that the three referenced sites were presented to the Northwest District Closeout Committee (Committee) for review. Presentation to the Committee was primarily based on your August 1994 submittal, Final Report for Meter Site Remedial Activities in Wisconsin, and your responses to my November 10, 1994 and May 23, 1994 letters

On June 13, 1995, review of the information available on the sites was completed by the Committee for a determination for case close-out as provided in ch. NR 726, Wis. Adm. Code. Based on the documentation submitted it appears as though the sites have been remediated to standards acceptable to the Department of Natural Resources (Department). Therefore, the Department considers the three referenced sites "closed" and no further action is necessary at this time.

You should note that this letter does not constitute Department "verification" under s.144.765 (2) (a) 3, WI Stats., as created by 1993 Wisconsin Act 453 (May 12, 1994). Persons who meet the definition of "purchaser" in s. 144.765 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., 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. For more information regarding Wisconsin Act 453, call (800) 367-6076 (in state long distance) or (608) 264-6020 local or out-of-state).

Additionally, based on the results of your initial investigation of the Ashland Meter Station, noted in your April 5, 1994 submittal, no further action is necessary at this time for that location. The Ashland location was not placed on tracking as a site.

Should you have any questions regarding the above please contact me at (715) 635-4048.

Sincerely;

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