



July 1, 2014

Mr. Howard Melton  
St. Francis Auto Wreckers  
4043 S. Pennsylvania Avenue  
St. Francis, WI 53235

Subject: Request for Status Update  
WI DOT Lake Arterial – Auto Wreckers, 4043 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, St. Francis, WI  
WDNR FID # 241469250; BRRTS # 02-41-000269

Dear Mr. Melton:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is undertaking a project to address open environmental contamination sites that have been inactive for several years. We are sending letters to those property owners to determine the status of these cases and to request additional work, if necessary.

Contamination at the above referenced property was reported to the DNR on June 28, 1991. The most recent correspondence DNR received regarding this case was a June 30, 2009 report summarizing the removal of contaminated soil, buried drums, and buried paint cans from the vacant property located north of 4043 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. These recent activities actions were intended only to remove a significant source of contamination from this property and were not designed to complete all actions required to close this site. As no additional information regarding activities at this site has been submitted, this case remains open and requires action. It is still your responsibility to document current conditions at this site, complete a site investigation, finish any required remediation activities, and to ultimately submit a request for closure.

The longer contamination is left in the environment, the farther it can spread and the more it may cost to clean up. Quick action may lessen damage to your property and neighboring properties and reduce your costs in investigating and cleaning up the contamination. To ensure that your cleanup complies with Wisconsin's laws and administrative codes, you should hire a professional environmental consultant who understands what needs to be done. The following information provides the timeframes and required steps to take. Unless otherwise approved by DNR in writing you must complete the work by the timeframes specified.

1. Within **60 days**, by September 1, you must submit documentation describing any recent work that has been completed at this site. Also, submit a work plan for completing any remaining activities required to obtain closure. This may include completing additional investigation and remediation activities. The work plan must comply with the requirements in the NR 700 Wis. Adm. Code rule series and should adhere to current DNR technical guidance documents. If you do not take action within this time frame, the DNR may initiate enforcement action against you.
2. You must initiate the activities outlined in the work plan within 90 days of submitting it. If a fee for DNR review of the work plan has been submitted, these outlined activities must begin within 60 days after receiving DNR comments.

Sites where discharges to the environment have been reported are entered into the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (“BRRTS”), a version of which appears on the DNR’s internet site. You may view the information related to your site at any time (<http://dnr.wi.gov/botw/SetUpBasicSearchForm.do>) and use the feedback system to alert us to any errors in the data.

If you want a formal written response from the department on a specific submittal, please be aware that a review fee is required in accordance with ch. NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. If a fee is not submitted with your reports, you must complete the site investigation and cleanup to maintain your compliance with the spills law and chapters NR 700 through NR754. We have provided detailed technical guidance to environmental consultants. Your consultant is expected to know our technical procedures and administrative rules and should be able to answer your questions on meeting cleanup requirements.

All correspondence regarding this site should be sent to:

Ms. Victoria Stovall  
Remediation and Redevelopment Program  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Unless otherwise directed, submit one paper copy and one electronic copy of plans and reports. To speed processing, correspondence should reference the BRRTS and FID numbers (if assigned) shown at the top of this letter.

If you have questions regarding this letter or the open contamination case, please contact me at (414) 263-8541 or by email at [paul.grittner@wisconsin.gov](mailto:paul.grittner@wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,



Paul Grittner  
Hydrogeologist  
Remediation & Redevelopment

cc: DNR case file