



November 5, 2018

Mr. Beryle Hale
PO Box 53
Ettrick, WI 54627

Subject: New Project Manager and Status Update Request
Hale Salvage Yard, 1/2 Mile South of STH 71 & Lake Rd, Melrose, WI
BRRTS #: 02-27-000270

Dear Mr. Hale:

Due to reorganization within the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Remediation and Redevelopment Program, the file for the above-referenced site has been transferred to me at the Eau Claire office of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

There has been no communication from you since a meeting at the site with David Hon of the DNR on July 30, 2014. Mr Hon also sent your son, Jeff Hale, an email outlining the work required to bring this case to a close. A copy of the email is attached. A follow-up letter requesting a status update, dated July 2, 2015 was sent to you by Tom Kendzierski of the DNR. To date, no reply has been received.

Please be aware that you are at risk of the Department initiating enforcement action against you for failure to comply with the Hazardous Substances Spills Law (section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes). Wisconsin Statute 292.11 states:

"A person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance which is discharged or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge to the air, lands, or waters of the state."

Under the Spills Law, you have a legal responsibility to investigate and clean up all contamination to the extent practicable. Our records indicate that you have not started the investigative work necessary to determine the method and degree of cleanup needed to bring your site into compliance with the Spills Law. Remedial actions must be taken to clean up contaminated soils and groundwater, if applicable.

The Department requires that within **30 days**, by December 2, 2018, you hire an environmental consultant to conduct the work required in the attached email. I have also attached a list of environmental consultants and our guide to selecting an environmental consultant.

Submit all future correspondence pertaining to the site to me at the following address:

Matthew Vitale
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
1300 W Clairemont Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54701

If you should have any questions regarding this letter or your site, please feel free to contact me at (715) 839-3760 or e-mail me at matthew.vitale@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Vitale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Vitale
Hydrogeologist
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Attachments:

Email from David Hon to Jeff Hale, July 31, 2014, Subject: list of environmental consultants and follow up

Enclosures:

Selecting a Consultant, RR-502
Environmental Services Contractor List, RR-024

cc: Mr. Jeff Hale – email only

Mr. Terry A. Schmidt,
Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Suite B03, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Hon, David F - DNR

From: Hon, David F - DNR
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:11 AM
To: 'jeffkristy@centurylink.net'
Cc: terry.schmidt@co.jackson.wi.us
Subject: List of environmental consultants and follow up

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for meeting with us yesterday. Your time is greatly appreciated. I told you that I'd send you a list of environmental consultants so you can get a quote on the environmental work necessary so I'm emailing you today.

To help you get a quote, the work I'm requiring is:

- Excavation of the area near the former smelter by the tree. The tree and stump need to be removed. A 5x5x4' (100 cubic feet) hole and 3 confirmation samples could be sufficient. The soil samples should be analyzed for lead and results sent to DNR. The excavated soil should be sampled needs to be landfilled. Your cost of disposal will depend on how contaminated the excavated soil is.
- 3-4 soil samples should be taken in the shed area, since it is unclear where the original 1992 sample was taken there. Again the soil samples should be analyzed for lead and results sent to DNR.
- Removal and disposal of the ash and debris at the former burn pile.

Attached is a link to the environmental consultants list. There are a number of good consultants that I've worked with out of La Crosse. <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR024.pdf>

I am also attaching a link for you to our guide to selecting an environmental consultant. However, the work I'm requiring isn't overly complex, so you should be able to hire someone more basic. <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR502.pdf>

As we discussed, you can start by getting a quote and then contacting me within the next 30-60 days. Then I would recommend assessing how much you can make vs. how much it costs to remove scrap metal, tires, and solid waste on the site. If you end up making a profit, that might help you conduct the environmental work.

Overall, any progress will make me happy – even if we have to take baby steps.

I hope that you find this information useful. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Respectfully,

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

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