



February 21, 2019

Troy and Annette Fiers
W8529 County Road Z
Onalaska, WI 54650

Subject: Request to Sample Well at W8529 County Road Z, Onalaska, WI

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fiers:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently contracting with an environmental consultant to conduct routine groundwater sampling near the former Onalaska Landfill site. The sampling is a continuation of cleanup activities under the federal Superfund program that have been ongoing there for many years. One purpose of the upcoming sampling is to collect samples from nearby private wells, for comparison to groundwater monitoring wells on the landfill site, so that background conditions may be determined. The purpose of this letter is to request that you grant access permission to allow groundwater sampling from your private well located at W8529 County Trunk Highway Z.

Cleanup activities at the landfill site began in the 1990s and consisted of covering the waste with a clay cap; injecting clean air into contaminated soils (called "bioventing"); and operating a groundwater pump-and-treat system for several years. These remedies reduced the concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater. However, elevated concentrations of certain metals are still being measured in groundwater at the site. This is believed to be caused by low oxygen levels beneath the landfill, which can cause naturally-occurring metals to dissolve from sand grains and enter groundwater.

According to the on-line La Crosse County Tax Parcel Viewer, your property is approximately one quarter-mile away from the site. Well construction records show that your well is also drilled to a depth comparable to some of the groundwater monitoring wells at the landfill. For these reasons, data from your well may help us determine how far the elevated levels of metals may extend from the landfill and whether they are indeed caused by the conditions there.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to let me know whether you may be willing to grant permission for sampling your well. Private well sampling is scheduled to take place in April of this year. The sample would likely be collected from an outside tap, if one is available, and the sampling would be at no cost to you. The actual sampling day and time would be established with your coordination and approval. If possible, the DNR would request that you be available to be present when your well is sampled. After analysis of the sample, you would be sent a copy of the sampling results, which would include both VOCs and metals.

Thank you for considering this request. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. You may contact me by telephone at (715) 839-3748 or by email at Mae.Willkom@Wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Mae Willkom
Hydrogeologist
Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment

Cc Steve Osesek, The OS Group, LLC, 444 21st Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601



February 21, 2019

Jeffrey J. Jensen
W8509 County Road Z
Onalaska, WI 54650

Subject: Request to Sample Well at W8509 County Road Z, Onalaska, WI

Dear Mr. Jensen:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently contracting with an environmental consultant to conduct routine groundwater sampling near the former Onalaska Landfill site. The sampling is a continuation of cleanup activities under the federal Superfund program that have been ongoing there for many years. One purpose of the upcoming sampling is to collect samples from nearby private wells, for comparison to groundwater monitoring wells on the landfill site, so that background conditions may be determined. The purpose of this letter is to request that you grant access permission to allow groundwater sampling from your private well located at W8509 County Trunk Highway Z.

Cleanup activities at the landfill site began in the 1990s and consisted of covering the waste with a clay cap; injecting clean air into contaminated soils (called "bioventing"); and operating a groundwater pump-and-treat system for several years. These remedies reduced the concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater. However, elevated concentrations of certain metals are still being measured in groundwater at the site. This is believed to be caused by low oxygen levels beneath the landfill, which can cause naturally-occurring metals to dissolve from sand grains and enter groundwater.

According to the on-line La Crosse County Tax Parcel Viewer, your property is approximately one-third of a mile away from the site. Well construction records show that your well is also drilled to a depth comparable to some of the groundwater monitoring wells at the landfill. For these reasons, data from your well may help us determine how far the elevated levels of metals may extend from the landfill and whether they are indeed caused by the conditions there.

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