



August 29, 2019

Marla and Joel Raine  
210 W Division St  
Neillsville, WI 54456-7162

Subject: New Project Manager and PECFA Program Update  
Drescher Oil Co Bulk Plant, 706 Forest St, Neillsville, Wisconsin  
BRRTS Activity # 02-10-000350

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Raine:

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 ("department").

The Drescher Oil Co Bulk Plant had a considerable amount of investigation and cleanup work in the late 1990s and early 2000s. According to our records, the site became stalled in 2003 after the request for case closure was not approved, due to residual contamination in shallow soils that requires additional investigation and possibly remediation.

I am writing today to inform you that this remaining work is eligible for funding under the **Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA)**, meaning reimbursement is available to you for the cleanup of petroleum contamination at your property. However, **funding for PECFA will end on June 30, 2020**. As such, the department is working with property owners to clean up as many sites as possible while reimbursement funding is still available.

If you act now, it is possible for environmental work to be done with minimal out of pocket costs to you, through the end of PECFA in June 2020. However, response to this notice and cooperation in moving the site toward case closure are required in order to access PECFA reimbursements. Currently, your site has a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000,000, with \$ 838,118.37 remaining. There was an initial PECFA deductible of \$15,000, of which all \$15,000 has been satisfied. For costs over \$200,000, there is a deductible of 2% of eligible costs. There is still \$38,118.37 remaining for reimbursement before the \$200,000 level is reached.

Some environmental consultants are willing to act as agents for responsible parties and cover the costs of investigation and cleanup at PECFA-eligible sites until PECFA pays the claim for completed work. If a responsible party contracts with a consultant to be their agent, personal funds and loans are not needed for the investigation and cleanup, however any deductible amount is still required to be paid.

Please refer to the enclosed PECFA fact sheets for more information on regulations for this program and registered PECFA consulting firms. For more information on the PECFA program, please see <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/brownfields/pecfa.html>.

The department would like to work with you to finish the cleanup at your site while PECFA reimbursement is still available. Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated.

**Steps to Take:**

Because of the limited time remaining for the PECFA program, **we request that, within the next 30 days, by September 28, 2019, you inform the department in writing of your plans to finish the necessary environmental response actions at this site.** As part of this response, please include the name and contact information of your environmental consultant.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or how to move your site forward, please contact me in writing at the letterhead address or by phone at (715) 839-3760. I can also be reached by email at [Matthew.Vitale@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Matthew.Vitale@Wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Vitale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'V'.

Matthew Vitale  
Hydrogeologist  
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

Enclosures:

1. Selecting an Environmental Consultant, RR-502, <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR502.pdf>
2. PECFA Agent Frequently Asked Questions, RR-943, <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR943.pdf>
3. Registered PECFA Consulting Firms, August 2019, <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR993.pdf>