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Ms. Graham,

Attached is a letter requesting information about your facility. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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October 13, 2023

Ms. Linda Graham  
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Subject: Information Request  
Beehive Botanicals, Inc.  
16297 W Nursery Road, Hayward, WI

Dear Ms. Graham:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently working with the City of Hayward to investigate Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination detected in groundwater near the former Hayward City Landfill, license number 1751 (BRRTS ID 02-58-000380), located near Beehive Botanicals, Inc. (Beehive Botanicals). The DNR is requesting information from Beehive Botanicals concerning PFAS in products that may be in use at Beehive Botanicals or used in the production of Beehive Botanical or other products.

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals used for decades in numerous products, including non-stick cookware, fast food wrappers, stain-resistant sprays, personal care and cosmetic products, and certain types of firefighting foam. These contaminants have made their way into the environment through accidental spills of PFAS-containing materials, discharges of PFAS-containing wastewater to treatment plants, and through firefighting activities. PFAS do not break down in the environment and have been discovered at concentrations of concern in groundwater, surface water, and drinking water at many locations across the state. These chemicals are known to accumulate in the human body, posing several risks to human health including certain cancers, liver damage, and decreased fertility.

The DNR is investigating whether Beehive Botanicals may potentially be responsible for contributing to the PFAS contamination detected in potable wells and monitoring wells in the area of the Beehive Botanicals location. The DNR is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the current or past use of PFAS at Beehive Botanicals. This information is requested by the DNR under the authority of Wisconsin Statutes §§ 292.11(7)(a), (8); 292.31(1)(b), (d); and Wis. Admin. Code § NR 700.10.

**Within 60 days of receipt of this notice, please provide a letter containing the information requested above to me at [John.Sager@wisconsin.gov](mailto:John.Sager@wisconsin.gov).** Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me promptly at (715) 919-7239 or [John.Sager@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:John.Sager@Wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,

John Sager  
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C: Michelle Forrester, Beehive Botanicals (*via email to: [linda.forrester@beehivebotanicals.com](mailto:linda.forrester@beehivebotanicals.com)*)  
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