

Reference No. 086165-05-09

October 4, 2018

Mr. Erik Johnson 5710 148<sup>th</sup> Lane NW Ramsey, Minnesota 55303

Dear Mr. Johnson:

## Re: Access Agreement for Wetland Excavation Penta Wood Products Superfund Site Siren, Wisconsin

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), GHD Services Inc. (GHD) is requesting your agreement to access your property (Parcel Identification Number 07-006-2-38-17-11-4-01-000-011000) to excavate soil and sediment from a wetland area as part of the ongoing remedial action associated with the Penta Wood Products Superfund Site.

During 1999 and 2000, soil excavation work and associated sampling was conducted by CH2M HILL on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This excavation location is shown on Figure 1 and identified as Area 29. During 2017, soil samples were collected from the excavation area to confirm the results of the previous USEPA sampling within the former excavation areas and to delineate the extent of impacts. PCP was detected above the USEPA criteria of 900 micrograms per kilogram (µg/kg) in eight of the soil samples. These soil sample results were generally consistent with the results previously reported by USEPA. However, a statistical evaluation of these results indicates that the soil/sediment within the sampling area requires additional measures to meet the cleanup objectives for the Site and surrounding properties. These sampling results were provided to you in a GHD letter dated November 17, 2017.

WDNR, in coordination with USEPA, has developed a plan to address the impacted area and meet the cleanup objectives. This plan will include excavating the impacted soil and sediment from the wetland and removing it from your property. The work would be conducted in general accordance with the plan discussed below. WDNR has confirmed that a wetland permit is not required to conduct this work.

## Wetland Excavation Plan

WDNR proposes to excavate the soil/sediment with PCP concentrations exceeding 900 µg/kg within the wetland and remove the excavated material from your property. Soil/sediment would also be excavated from the adjacent property to the east owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nelson. The excavated material will be placed for final disposal within the corrective action management unit (CAMU) on the Penta Wood property.

The wetland excavation depth is expected to be 3 to 6 feet. The size of the excavation is expected to be less than 1 acre on your property as shown on Figure 2. The estimated total quantity of soil/sediment to be excavated is approximately 5,900 cubic yards. The duration of excavation activities on your property is anticipated to be less than 1 month.





The excavation would likely be conducted with traditional or amphibious excavation equipment. The excavation would proceed from the outer limits of the impacted area toward the south/west. All equipment would enter your property from the Penta Wood property located to the south.

If necessary, silt fence would be installed along the perimeter of the working area within the wetland prior to beginning the excavation to help ensure that discharges outside of the excavation do not occur. The excavation would be conducted during winter/frozen conditions to further reduce the chance of stormwater runoff and discharges.

The excavation would not be backfilled. It is anticipated that the excavation area would fill with water, creating a shallow pond, and vegetation would be allowed to be restored naturally. Any disturbance to the ground surface outside of the excavation area will be restored as close as practicable to existing conditions.

All work would be conducted during the week (Monday through Friday) between 7 a.m. through 6 p.m., unless other arrangements have been made with you. GHD would provide you with a minimum of 10 days written notice prior to beginning the work. The work would be performed by a GHD subcontractor and is tentatively scheduled to be completed during the winter of 2019. The schedule will be finalized after WDNR secures funding to complete the project. A notification letter would be sent to you a minimum of 10 days before beginning work on your property.

By this letter, we are asking for your agreement to access your property to conduct the wetland excavation work. Your signature in the place provided below signifies your agreement to allow the WDNR, GHD, and subcontractors access to your property in accordance to the conditions listed above. Your signature also signifies agreement that you will allow WDNR and GHD to conduct maintenance as necessary to establish vegetation outside of the excavation area and that you will not conduct activities to damage or disturb re-vegetation areas during the establishment period. Once you have signed this letter, we ask that you either mail it back in the attached addressed stamped envelope. Or, you can send us a copy via facsimile (651-639-0923) or email (tim.ree@ghd.com), whichever is most convenient for you.

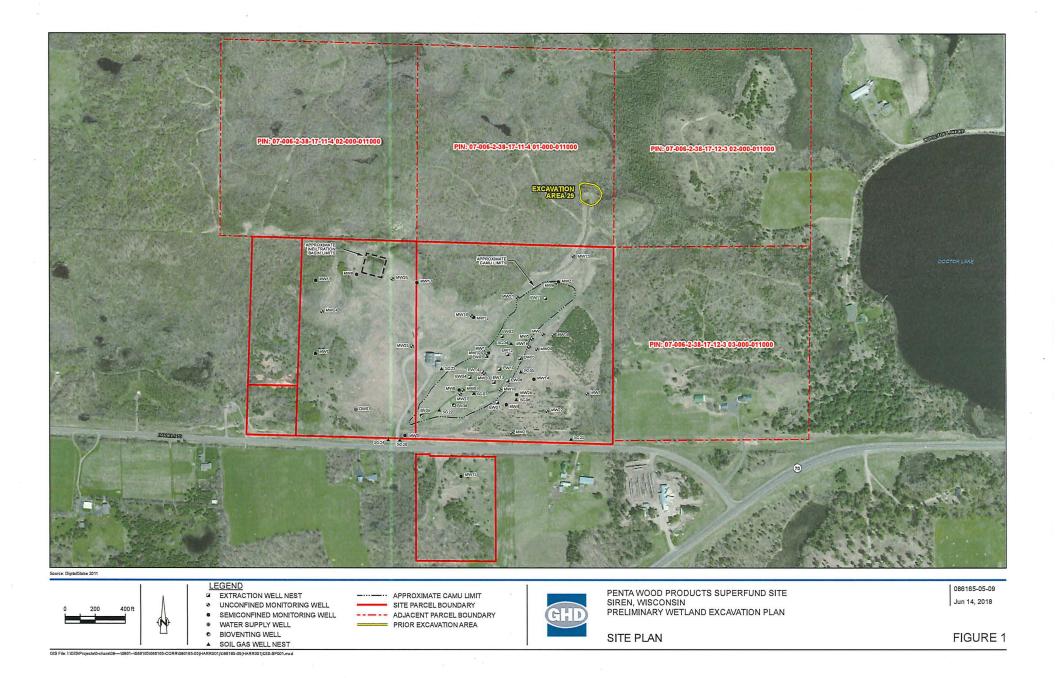
We appreciate your ongoing cooperation related to the remedial action at the Penta Wood Products Superfund Site. If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 639-0913 or Phil Richard (WDNR project manager) at (715) 762-1352.

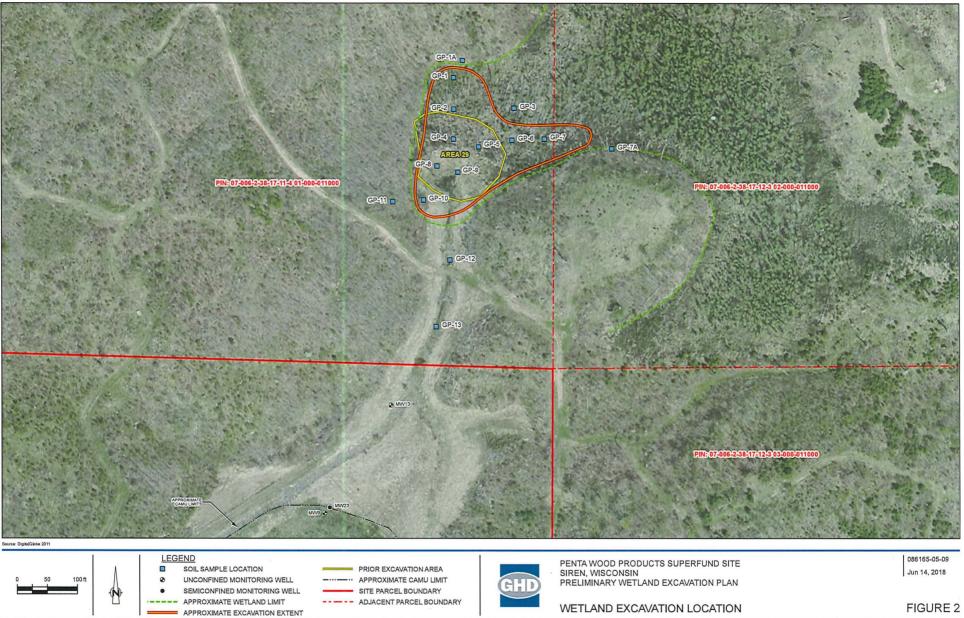
Sincerely,

GHD

Tim Ree TR/sb/23

cc: Phil Richard, WDNR (via email) Stephanie Linebaugh, USEPA (via email)





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AGREED:

(Owner)

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(Date)

Property owner's signature signifies agreement to allow the WDNR and GHD access to the property (PIN 07-006-2-38-17-11-4-01-000-011000) in accordance to the conditions listed in GHD's letter dated October 4, 2018.