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Ms. Margaret Graefe
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
4041 N. Richards Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Re: Perkins Avenue Facility
1005 Perkins Avenue
Waukesha, Wisconsin
DNR File Reference 4440-2916

Dear Ms. Graefe:

I spoke with Mike Ellenbecker today regarding the status of this facility. Following that discussion, I attempted to reach you by telephone, but learned that you were out of the office. My purpose in writing to you is to request your earliest attention to closing out the file on the UST removal and foundry fill remediation at this site.

You may recall that the property in question consists of a west parcel and an east parcel, divided by an unnamed creek. The UST removal operations were on the west parcel. The east parcel was an unpaved parking area containing foundry fill; various contaminated soils were removed from that property. The UST removal operation was completed in November of 1993. The last of the contaminated soils were removed from the east lot in June of 1994. Since that time, we have had repeated discussions regarding the timetable for your review of these sites. You had indicated that you would be addressing it in August of 1994; that was then pushed back to November of 1994. Due to the relatively low priority assigned to this site and the press of other matters, I understand that this timetable has now been pushed back indefinitely.

VME is concerned that your consideration of site closure might be further delayed by the recent discovery of certain metal and paint wastes in a wooded area on the northern boundary of the east lot. In our discussions with Mr. Ellenbecker, we have requested that the DNR proceed with closure on the UST and foundry fill removal operations, since those site conditions and activities clearly are distinct from this latest matter. I am repeating that request to you in this letter.

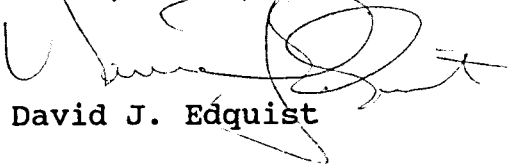
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I understand from Mr. Ellenbecker that you had some concern whether there might be a connection between these paint wastes and any VOCs detected in the groundwater on the east parcel. The groundwater sampling that was done in connection with the east lot remediation does not support the supposition that the groundwater might be contaminated from VOCs from the paint wastes. For example, the results from monitoring well EMW-03, which was located toward the center of the surface lot and hydrologically downgradient from the location of the small surface deposits of paint waste revealed no detectable levels of VOCs.

VME no longer owns this property. It conducted the UST removal and surface lot remediation pursuant to its contract for the sale of the facility. It has completed those obligations. The situation involving the paint wastes is a separate issue involving the DNR, the current owner, and Hein-Werner. VME respectfully requests the issuance of a site closure letter with respect to the UST and surface lot remedial activities.

Sincerely,

GIBBS, ROPER, ~~LOOTS~~ & WILLIAMS, S.C.



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