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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Thomas Smith 6627 West Spokane Street Milwaukee, WI 53223

RE: Request for Site Update

Commerce # 53206-3021-02-A WDNR BRRTS # 03-41-506431 Smith Property, 1102 West Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee

Gasoline underground storage tank(s) of unknown size removed in August 2003

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce (Commerce) has an open petroleum contamination case for the site referenced above. According to information in the case file, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was notified on August 26, 2003, that petroleum contamination was discovered during removal of one or more gasoline underground storage tanks from the premises. The site was classified as low or medium risk by DNR and transferred to Commerce for regulatory oversight in April 2007. It does not appear that an investigation of the petroleum contamination was conducted and additional information is necessary to address the contamination and move towards case closure.

A tank closure assessment soil sample was collected from the tank basin and submitted for laboratory analysis. Soil laboratory analytical results attached to the Notification of Petroleum Contamination, submitted to the DNR by Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., indicates that contamination was detected above the State standard for gasoline range organics (GRO), confirming that a release from the UST(s) has occurred. Therefore, a site investigation is required to determine the degree and extent of contamination to soil and groundwater. A list of PECFA registered consultants is enclosed for your use.

Commerce does not have any information or reports summarizing the UST removal or additional activities beyond removing the UST that may have occurred. If you have a report or other information that summarizes actions regarding cleanup of the petroleum contamination, please provide that information to Commerce for review. If no information is available, site investigation activities are required to define the degree and extent of contamination. Under current regulations, many sites require little or no cleanup actions after adequate characterization and risk assessment are performed.

Reimbursement from PECFA may be available for investigation and cleanup activities depending upon the type and specific use of the former UST(s). Please refer to the enclosed information on eligibility and regulations for this program. For more information on the PECFA program and to determine eligibility status, please call Renee` Dickey at (608) 264-8765 or visit the website at: http://www.commerce.wi.gov/ER/ER-PECFA-Home.html.

With recent changes in policy, Commerce can now pursue enforcement actions including referral of sites to the Wisconsin Department of Justice for noncompliance. These enforcement actions can result in substantial fees and penalties for each day of violation. If you do not respond to this letter and provide a written plan to move this case forward by **January 29, 2010**, Commerce will initiate enforcement actions.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at the letterhead address or by telephone at (414) 357-4705.

Sincerely,

Monica L. Weis Senior Hydrogeologist

Site Review Section

Enclosures:

List of PECFA Registered Consulting Firms Information about PECFA Reimbursement