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Mr. Nick Lange
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SUBJECT: Final Case Closure
Wheeler AST Bulk Plant, former
100 Birch Street, Wheeler, WI 54772
DNR BRRTS Activity #: 02-17-515720

Dear Mr. Lange:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) considers the Wheeler AST Bulk Plant site closed. No further investigation or remediation is required at this time. Please provide this letter and any attachments listed at the end of this letter to anyone who purchases, rents or leases this property from you.

This final closure decision is based on the correspondence and data provided, and is issued under chs. NR 726 and 727, Wis. Adm. Code. The West Central Region Closure Committee reviewed the request for closure on November 2, 2017. The Closure Committee reviewed this environmental remediation case for compliance with state laws and standards to maintain consistency in the closure of these cases.

This former bulk petroleum facility had soil and groundwater contamination based on data collected in 2004. More recent data collected has shown that the degree and extent of contamination is significantly reduced and currently does not exceed a Residual Contaminant Level (RCL) in soil, or an Enforcement Standard (ES) in the groundwater.

This site will be included on the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS on the Web) at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/rrsm.html>, to provide public notice of residual contamination, of any continuing obligations or as notification that the site has been closed. The site can also be viewed on the Remediation and Redevelopment Sites Map (RRSM), a map view, under the Geographic Information System (GIS) Registry layer, at the same web address.

All site information is also on file at the Baldwin Service Center, at 890 Spruce Street, Baldwin, WI. This letter and information that was submitted with your closure request application, including any maps, can be found as a PDF in BRRTS on the Web.

Chapter NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code Exemption

Recent groundwater monitoring data at this site indicates that benzene and naphthalene at sample locations G-1-W and G-3-W, exceeded the NR 140 preventive action limit (PAL) but are below the enforcement standard (ES). The DNR may grant an exemption to a PAL for a substance of public health concern, other than nitrate, pursuant to s. NR 140.28 (2) (b), Wis. Adm. Code, if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The measured or anticipated increase in the concentration of the substance will be minimized to the extent technically and economically feasible.
2. Compliance with the PAL is either not technically or economically feasible.
3. The enforcement standard for the substance will not be attained or exceeded at the point of standards application. [Note: at this site the point of standards application is all points where groundwater is monitored.
4. Any existing or projected increase in the concentration of the substance above the background concentration does not present a threat to public health or welfare.

Based on the information you provided, the DNR believes that these criteria have been or will be met. The exemption criteria have been met due to lack of petroleum contamination in the soil samples collected as part of this investigation. Therefore, pursuant to s. NR 140.28, Wis. Adm. Code, an exemption to the PAL is granted for benzene at G-1-W and G-3-W and naphthalene at G-1-W and G-3-W. Please keep this letter, because it serves as your exemption.

PECFA Reimbursement

Section 101.143, Wis. Stats., requires that Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) claimants seeking reimbursement of interest costs, for sites with petroleum contamination, submit a final reimbursement claim within 120 days after they receive a closure letter on their site. For claims not received within 120 days of the date of this letter, interest costs after 60 days of the date of this letter will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement. If there is equipment purchased with PECFA funds remaining at the site, contact the DNR Program to determine the method for salvaging the equipment.

Per Wisconsin Act 55 (2015 State budget), a claim for PECFA reimbursement must be submitted within 180 days of incurring costs (i.e., completing a task). If your final PECFA claim is not submitted within 180 days of incurring the costs, the costs will not be eligible for PECFA reimbursement.

In Closing

Please be aware that the case may be reopened pursuant to s. NR 727.13, Wis. Adm. Code, for any of the following situations:

if additional information regarding site conditions indicates that contamination on or from the site poses a threat to public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment,
if the property owner does not comply with the conditions of closure, with any deed restrictions applied to the property, or with a certificate of completion issued under s. 292.15, Wis. Stats, or
a property owner fails to maintain or comply with a continuing obligation (imposed under this closure approval letter).

The DNR appreciates your efforts to restore the environment at this site. If you have any questions regarding this closure decision or anything outlined in this letter, please contact Patrick Collins at 715 684-2914 ext. 117, or at Patrick.Collins@wisconsin.gov

Sincerely,



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