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James Silverwood
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Subject: Increased DNR oversight fee for Voluntary Party Liability Exemption for
Wausau Cleaners, 1808 W Stuart Ave, Wausau
VPLE, FID #737048180/ BRRTS # 06-37-524374 & 02-37-000054

James Silverwood:

Because you are currently conducting a voluntary cleanup and actively pursuing the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (s. 292.15, Wis. Stats.), I am writing to inform you that the DNR has raised the hourly billing rate at which oversight fees shall be assessed. As authorized by s. 292.15(5) Wis. Stats., and NR 750, Wis. Adm. Code, the DNR has authority to assess and collect fees from voluntary parties to offset the costs of the Department's activities related to the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption, including our time spent reviewing submitted documentation and reports. The Department is required by s. NR. 750.07(2), Wis. Adm. Code, to periodically recalculate the hourly billing rate.

The rate has been recalculated and the new rate is \$110 an hour. This new hourly billing rate took effect on July 1, 2021, the first quarter of state fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding this fee increase or the fee assessment and tracking process please contact me. If you are no longer participating in the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption process, or if you feel that you may have received this letter in error, please contact me at **(715) 492-1213** or at **duabchi.vang@wisconsin.gov**.

We appreciate the actions you are taking to investigate and remediate this property.

Sincerely,

Duabchi Vang
Hydrogeologist
West Central Region-Remediation and Development Program

cc: Dave Larsen, REI—email
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