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RE: **Request for Site Update**

WDNR BRRTS # 03-41-534110 **PECFA # 53212-2934-77-A**
Jerry's Service (Former), 2477 N. Holton Ave., Milwaukee

One 500-gallon and two 1,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) removed November 18, 2010

Dear Ms. Lee and Mr. Kasthurirangaian:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) has an open petroleum contamination case for the property referenced above. The Department would like to work with you to move this case toward closure. According to information in the case file, a notification of petroleum contamination based on preliminary site assessment was received by the Department on October 13, 2004. The Department sent a subsequent letter informing you of your responsibility to clean up the contamination. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce (Commerce) requested an update from you in a letter dated March 15, 2011. Commerce did not receive a response from you. The site has since been transferred to the Department for regulatory oversight.

It is understood that you had three USTs (identified above) removed from the site and that the USTs were used for waste oil storage. However, it is noted that the two 1,000-gallon USTs contained leaded gasoline prior to being converted for use for waste oil storage. A review of the analytical data for soil samples collected during tank closure/removal activities indicates that petroleum contamination above State standards remains in the soil. Therefore, you are required to conduct a complete site investigation of the degree and extent of petroleum contamination in the soil and, potentially, in groundwater at your site.

Immediate action is recommended as the end of the PECFA program has recently been announced. Per the recently enacted state budget (Wisconsin Act 55), the deadline for submitting claims for reimbursement to the Department is **June 30, 2020**. The program, and consequently the monetary aid, will end after that date. Additionally, a claim for PECFA reimbursement must be submitted within 180 days of incurring costs (i.e., completing a task), or by February 1, 2016, whichever is later. If a claim for costs incurred is not submitted within these deadlines, the costs will not be eligible for PECFA

reimbursement. It is important to note that your obligation to address environmental contamination associated with this property continues whether or not PECFA funding is available. You are required to complete the work necessary to bring this case to closure.

While PECFA funding is still available, it is possible for environmental work to be done with little out-of-pocket cost to you. Qualified consulting firms are able to act as your agent and eliminate the need for you to secure financing through a bank or other lender. Furthermore, where financial need can be proven, deductible amounts can be reduced or even waived.

The Department has identified you as the owner of the property where residual contamination remains. An investigation and cleanup of the contamination is required. Section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes, known as the hazardous substance spills law, states that the owner of the property is responsible for restoring the environment to the extent practicable. Therefore, you are required by law to perform an investigation and possible cleanup, with or without PECFA aid. If you need assistance with filing your claim, please contact Tim Prosa at (608) 261-7715.

Following is important information about cleanups, environmental consultants, possible financial assistance and working cooperatively with the Department.

Steps to Take:

To ensure that your cleanup complies with Wisconsin's laws and administrative codes, you should hire a professional environmental consultant. These are the steps to take:

1. By **August 6, 2015**, you should submit written verification (such as a letter from the consultant) that you have hired an environmental consultant. If you do not take action within this time frame, the Department may initiate enforcement action against you.
2. By **August 21, 2015**, the consultant must contact the Department to establish costs for a prescribed scope of work.

Please send all correspondence to the undersigned at the letterhead address.

Additional Information for Site Owners:

Information to help you select a consultant (WDNR PUB-RR-502), including a list of Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) registered consultants and materials on understanding the cleanup process (WDNR PUB-RR-674) are enclosed.

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) 263-8589.

Sincerely,



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Hydrogeologist
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cc: Seymour Environmental Services, Inc.
Enclosures