



January 15, 2021

--sent by email--

Mr. Jeff Miesen
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SUBJECT: Approval of SCS Change Order and Variance Request
Former Highway Cleaners (aka Mound City Bank)– Boscobel, Wisconsin
WDNR BRRTS #02-22-543001

Dear Mr Miesen:

This letter responds to SCS Engineers' (SCS) January 13, 2020 email, which included notification SCS intends to assume management of the project, a change order and cost estimate. The emailed documentation also satisfies the department needs for issuing a variance from the bidding requirements of the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program (DERP).

We are granting a variance to sections NR 169.11 (10) and (11) Wisc. Adm. Code rules requiring competitive bidding for the consultant performing the remedial action. We understand this variance was requested on your behalf to expedite the project. To encourage timely progress, and because SCS's costs are comparable with other similar projects, the granting of the variance is appropriate.

The total cost approved for the next phase of work is \$25,902, which includes \$6,289 for subcontractors and \$19,613 for consulting. The work includes groundwater sampling, a soil vapor extraction pilot test, and remedial system design and report. Some of the currently approved work is redundant with that approved for Seymour Environmental on October 1, 2019. You can't be reimbursed twice for the same work. It is our understanding this will not be an issue, because the previously approved work was not completed by Seymour Environmental. Total approved costs for the project are not calculated, because the tally is essentially resetting with SCS. SCS's costs should not be co-mingled with Seymour Environmental's costs or approvals on future reimbursement claims.

This variance does not guarantee the reimbursement of costs. All incurred costs are subject to the eligibility requirements in chapter NR 169, Wis. Adm. Code. All other requirements for investigation and remediation of the release, as well as DERP requirements, also apply. Reimbursement is contingent upon availability of funding and a final determination regarding the eligibility of costs at the time of claim review. This variance approval will be reviewed with any future reimbursement requests.

Sincerely,

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