

November 9, 2022

Ms. Mackenzie Reynolds  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd  
Fitchburg, WI 53711-5367

Subject: Post Closure Cap Modification  
Portage Canal Site – USH 51, Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin  
BRRTS #02-11-543021  
WisDOT ID #6918-01-72

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

A post-closure cap was in place at the following closed BRRTS site, Portage Canal located on USH 51 in Portage, Wisconsin (BRRTS #02-11-543021). WisDOT project construction activities within the cap extents required post closure modification of the cap. TRC submitted a Post Closure Modification Notification for the property on October 31, 2017. The WDNR approved the cap modifications on December 4, 2017 (Attachment 1). The existing cap materials at this site were replaced with in-kind materials. As such, the existing cap maintenance plan is still current. Post-construction cap photographs are provided in Attachment 2.

Feel free to contact me at (608) 826-3628, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TRC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Haak".

Dan Haak, P.E.  
Project Manager

Attachments: 1 – WDNR Approval Letter  
2 – Site Photographs

cc: Shar TeBeest, WisDOT (pdf via email)  
Brian Taylor, WisDOT (pdf via email)  
Aaron Jahncke, City of Portage (pdf via email)

**Attachment 1**  
**WDNR Approval Letter**

## Perkins, Thomas

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**From:** Niemisto, Erin N - DNR <Erin.Niemisto@wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 12:34 PM  
**To:** Haak, Daniel; Taylor, Brian F - DOT  
**Cc:** Mason, John M - DNR; TeBeest, Sharlene - DOT; Schroeder, Alia  
**Subject:** Initial Approval - Post Closure Modification Request - USH 51 Corridor, Portage, Columbia County (WisDOT ID#6918-01-02)

Hello Dan and Brian,

On November 3, 2017 the Department received a copy of the Post-Closure Modification Requests for the USH 51 Corridor in Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin from TRC Environmental Corporation. The request includes information for the following three closed WDNR contaminated sites with continuing obligations to maintain a cap barrier:

Site 7: Mael Estate Property – 109 Edgewater St. – BRRTS# 03-11-168416

Site 19: Crawford 66 – 416 E. Wisconsin St. – BRRTS# 03-11-002155

Site 24: Portage Canal – BRRTS# 02-11-543021

We have reviewed the requests dated October 31, 2017 and found that the approach to maintaining continuing obligations on the three sites is acceptable.

Since the cap barriers will be essentially replaced in kind during improvements to paved sidewalks and roadways, and there will be minimal disturbance of soils during utility work in the project corridor, no fee will be required for these post-closure modifications. However, final documentation of the modifications must be provided to the Department after the modifications are made. The final documentation of modifications should include: an updated cap maintenance plan, photos, cover location maps and all other applicable information.

After documentation is received and reviewed, the Department will be able to officially approve the Post-Closure Modifications to each site.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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**Erin Niemisto**

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**Attachment 2**  
**Site Photographs**

## Photographic Log

<b>Client Name:</b> WisDOT		<b>Site Location:</b> Portage Canal (BRRTS# 02-11-543021) USH 51, Portage, Columbia County, WI	<b>Project No.:</b> WisDOT ID# 6918-01-72 TRC# 421202
<b>Photo No.</b> 1	<b>Date</b> 2017		
<b>Description</b> Pre-construction cap at Portage Canal.  Photo taken looking west.			

<b>Photo No.</b> 2	<b>Date</b> 9/21/2021		
<b>Description</b> Post-construction cap at Portage Canal.  Photo taken looking west.			