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Subject: Master Drycleaning Inc., Wauwatosa, WI, BRRTS Activity 02-41-545142

Alice,

We have reviewed the “Reminder to Include Evaluation of Emerging Contaminants in Site Investigation” letter for the site from the WDNR dated August 17, 2020, and are requesting assistance in the necessity of PFAS testing at this site. The following is the known chemical use history at the site:

The property was developed in 1950 as a gas station. Based on the observation of fill to a depth of approximately six feet, there may have been prior use as a residence, but details are not known. The gas station original building was remodeled to accommodate drycleaning operations circa 1970. In 1973 the property was purchased by Mr. Harold Shipshock of Master Drycleaning Inc.

When Mr. Shipshock purchased the business, the drycleaning machine was the old transfer-type machine. In the early 1990’s the machine was upgraded to a closed-loop machine. The drycleaning machines were in a similar location within the building, near the eastern building wall. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) has been the cleaning solvent in both machines and has always been transported into and out of the building through the eastern side door. Filters were also traditionally dried just outside the eastern building door. According to Mr. Shipshock, water proofing operations did not occur at the site. If an item required waterproofing, it would be sent out to someone who did this as a regular operation. In 2015, the business closed, and the drycleaning machine was removed; Harold Shipshock was the operator of the facility from 1973 to 2015.

Based on our experience at other sites similar to Master Drycleaning (small scale drycleaning operation with no waterproofing operations), the WDNR has requested that a stand-alone § NR 716 PFAS scoping statement be submitted that conforms with the WDNR’s current process (includes discussion of site history, operations, chemical use, waterproofing, etc.), and that PFAS testing was not required.

Please review and let us know the necessity of PFAS testing at this site.

Thank you!

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