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**VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Nancy D. Ryan, Hydrogeologist  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
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Re: Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund Site Investigation Review  
Express Cleaners, 3941 N. Main Street, Racine, WI  
WDNR FID #252010000; BRRTS #02-52-547631

Dear Nancy:

We apologize for our delay in responding to your letter, dated June 23, 2008, requesting that the Ehrlich Family Limited Partnership ("Ehrlich") perform additional investigations. Since revenues in the Dry Cleaner Fund are insufficient to pay current claims and Ehrlich will not receive payments sooner than July 2009, we have been evaluating options for financing work at the above- referenced site (the "Site").

As to your request for information that was missing from the May 14, 2008, Site Investigation, or needed to be revised, Northern Environmental will provide you with the requested information.

As to your request for additional investigations, we would like to meet with you and Chris Hatfield from Northern Environmental to discuss the following issues.

**Additional Soil Sampling/ Monitoring Well**

We believe the extent of contamination has been adequately defined for purposes of completing a comprehensive remedial action plan. The extent of contamination has been adequately defined vertically and horizontally to the north of B13/MW-8. Even if dry cleanup chemicals have entered the roadway area, we believe such lateral distribution would not change the recommended remedial approach. Therefore, we do not believe that additional soil sampling and monitoring wells are necessary, and we would like to meet with you to discuss this need and how the results of these additional investigations might affect the DNR's evaluation of remedial

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options. We want the next round of expenditures at this Site to be focused on cleanup, not investigation.

Additional Rounds of Groundwater Monitoring

We believe that there is an adequately defined trend of groundwater contamination; therefore, we do not believe that additional rounds of groundwater monitoring are necessary for purposes of evaluating remedial options. Conducting additional rounds of monitoring would only further postpone treatment, and we do not believe that the results of additional monitoring would affect the evaluation of remedial options. We do not object to additional monitoring during and post remediation, but merely want to focus efforts and expenditures on cleanup.

Utilities as Migration Pathway

We do not believe that utilities are providing a preferential contaminant migration pathway given the sandy nature of soil surrounding the utility corridors. Northern Environmental will provide you with an updated cross section that shows soil sample/ PID results and location of utilities. However, we would like clarification from you regarding the need for and extent of further evaluation.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the matters described above. If you would like any additional information prior to meeting with us know, please let us know.

Sincerely,



William P. Scott

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cc: Mr. Christopher Hatfield, Hydrogeologist, Northern Environmental