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Subject: Reported Contamination at Econo Wash, 113 E Main Street, Gillett, Wisconsin
WDNR BRRTS #: 02-43-547861

Dear Mr. Christensen and Mr. Darrow:

On June 21, 2006 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) sent you a letter requesting information regarding whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property, located at 113 East Main Street, Gillett, Wisconsin, may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene and 1,2-dichloroethylene contamination discovered during the investigation of the Howlin' & Grooming property. The Department received a response to this letter on July 24, 2006 from Kurt Darrow, K.W. Darrow, Inc.

The Department has become aware that a self-service drycleaning machine was operated on the Econo Wash property prior to it being sold to Ken DuQuaine. The Department believes this former self-service drycleaning machine is the source of the perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene and 1,2-dichloroethylene discovered during the investigation of the Howlin' & Grooming property. Based on this information, the Department believes you are responsible for restoring the environment at the referenced site under s. 292, Wis. Stats., known as the hazardous substance spills law.

This letter describes your legal responsibilities, explains what you need to do to investigate and clean up the contamination, and provides you with information about cleanups, environmental consultants, possible financial assistance, and working cooperatively with the WDNR and Department of Commerce (Commerce).

Legal Responsibilities:

Your legal responsibilities are defined both in statute and in administrative codes. The hazardous substances spill law, s. 292.11 (3) Wis. Stats., states:

- **RESPONSIBILITY.** A person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance which is discharged or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge to the air, lands, or waters of the state.

Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters NR 700 through NR 749 establish requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure. Chapter NR 708, Wis. Adm. Code, includes provisions for immediate actions

in response to limited contamination. Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter NR 140 establishes groundwater standards for contaminants that reach groundwater.

Steps to Take:

The longer contamination is left in the environment the farther it can spread and the more it may cost to clean up. Quick action may lessen damage to your property and neighboring properties and reduce your costs in investigating and cleaning up the contamination. To ensure that your cleanup complies with Wisconsin's laws and administrative codes, you should hire a professional environmental consultant who understands what needs to be done. These are the first steps to take:

1. Within the next **30 days of the date of this letter**, you should submit written verification (such as a letter from the consultant) that you have hired an environmental consultant.
2. Within the next **60 days of the date of this letter**, your consultant should submit a workplan and schedule for the investigation. The consultant must follow the WDNR administrative codes and may rely on Department technical guidance documents. To facilitate prompt agency review of your reports, your consultant should use the site investigation and closure formats which are available on-line at www.dnr.state.wi.us.

Once an investigation has established the degree and extent of contamination involved at your site, your consultant will be able to determine whether Commerce or the WDNR has authority over the case.

3. Within 30 days of completion of the site investigation, you or your consultant must provide a brief report at least every 90 days per s. NR 724.13(3), Wis. Adm. Code. Quarterly reports need only include one or two pages of text, plus any relevant maps and tables. Should conditions at your site warrant, we may require more frequent contacts.

Sites where discharges to the environment have been reported are entered into the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS), a version of which appears on the WDNR's Internet site. You may view the information related to your site at any time (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/brrts>) and use the feedback system to alert us to any errors in the data.

If you request a formal response from the agency on a specific submittal, please be aware that a review fee is required in accordance with s. NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. If a fee is not submitted with your reports, you should proceed under the advice of your consultant to complete the site investigation to maintain your compliance with the spills law and chs. NR 700 through NR 749, Wis. Adm. Code. **Do not delay the investigation of your site by waiting for an agency response.** We have provided detailed technical guidance to environmental consultants. Your consultant is expected to know our technical procedures and administrative codes and should be able to answer your questions on meeting cleanup requirements.

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All correspondence regarding this site should be sent to:

Keld Lauridsen
Remediation and Redevelopment Program
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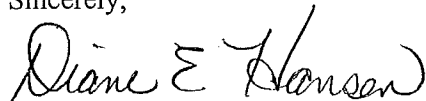
Unless otherwise requested, please send only one copy of plans and reports. To speed processing, correspondence should reference the BRRTS and FID numbers (if assigned) shown at the top of this letter.

Additional Information for Site Owners:

Information to help you select a consultant, materials on controlling costs, understanding the cleanup process, and choosing a site cleanup method are enclosed. In addition, *Fact Sheet 2 - Voluntary Party Remediation and Exemption from Liability* is enclosed and provides information on obtaining protection of limited liability under s. 292.15, Wis. Stats.

Thank you for your cooperation. Call Keld Lauridsen for more information on eligibility or visit the RR web site <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr>. You may also contact this person for all other questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Diane E. Hansen
Program Associate
Bureau for Remediation & Redevelopment

- Enclosures:
1. Selecting an Environmental Consultant
 2. Environmental Services Contractor List
 3. Environmental Contamination – The Basics
 4. Voluntary Party Remediation and Exemption from Liability
 5. Remediation & Redevelopment Program

cc: Keld Lauridsen - DNR, Green Bay
K. W. Darrow, Inc., Attn. Kurt Darrow, 134 1/2 E Main St, Gillett, WI 54124

TELEPHONE LOG

SITE NAME: Econo Wash

DATE: 08-02-06

TRACKING NUMBER: not assigned

TIME: _____

CONTACT NAME: Norman Christensen

PHONE: 715-745-2146

COMPANY AGENCY: Econo Wash Owner

INITIATED BY: KD

Dufresne called Christensen to relay the info Dufresne obtained from Kurt Darrow and Esther Mueller. Based on info DNR believes the Econo Wash property is the source of the chlorinated solvent contamination ~~found~~ found during the Howler + Grooming investigation.

Dufresne told Christensen he would be receiving a letter from DNR within the next couple of weeks. This letter will outline his legal responsibilities for addressing the contamination and ask Christensen to hire an environmental consultant.

Christensen was not happy about the info Dufresne provided. Christensen stated he want

SIGNATURE: Kurt Dufresne ↘

open the letter Mr. will be here a
consultant. Christensen stated he would
close the doors of the ~~the~~ launchpad
and file bankruptcy.

Dufresne again stated a letter would be
coming and that ~~the~~ ~~the~~ this was
a courtesy call.

Christensen then hung up the phone.

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