

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

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TO: Zmek File

FROM: Michelle DeBrock-Owens



SUBJECT: Discussion with Peter Zmek and Site Visit

Chuck Weister, John Robinson, Warden Mike Sealander, and I met Peter Zmek and Jim Greeman on the old Zmek salvage yard property on October 24, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to hear what Peter Zmek and Jim Greeman had to say about additional potential contamination areas on the property. These areas of potential contamination were not brought to the DNR's attention prior to this.

John Robinson took detailed notes of the discussions, **so this is just an overall summary of the site visit**. Chuck Weister took pictures and flagged all of the new areas Peter Zmek pointed out to us. Mike Sealander entered all of the flagged areas into his GPS.

Peter Zmek said that he wanted to finally open up about some other areas on the property where there may be contamination. Peter said that he was told by the conservator Tom Tait and his attorney John Hogan not to tell anybody about these other areas, but he wanted to come clean, so he is not made responsible for any contamination problems in the future. Jim Greeman was asked when he learned about these other areas and he said that it has been just in the past year that Peter has been opening up to him about these other areas.

Peter Zmek showed us the following areas of potential contamination, which the DNR and the consultant were not made aware of:

- On Shirley's (Peter's mom) part of the property:
 - (ZA) Spillage by diesel tanks (300-500 gal) located in back of shed/building that is closest to the road.
 - (ZB) Spillage from using unleaded tanker type truck that was parked on the side of this same building.
 - (ZC) Spillage from a container that held old refrigerator motor oil and compressor oils. This was located behind a building located directly west of the building mentioned above.
- (ZD) Buried 55 gal drums full of waste, garbage, etc in an area just NNW of the tin salvaging operation.
- (ZE) Burned tire piles, salvaged the metal, and buried the ash waste with other fill material in a wetland area on the north side of the property.
- (ZF) An area just NE of the tire burn area and on the edge of the wetland was an area where cars were crushed by AD&D and where fluids could have leaked out.
- (ZG) Cars with fluid in them were crushed on top of the tin pile to flatten the tin out.
- (ZH) Concrete loading ramp area where fluids were stored, beyond the area the consultants looked.

Peter indicated that he was the one who buried the drums and he set the fires to the tires. All these activities took place under the direction of Art Zmek (Peter's brother) who operated the business prior to his death in 2003.

c: Chuck Weister, Rhinelander
John Robinson, Rhinelander
Mike Sealander, Sayner

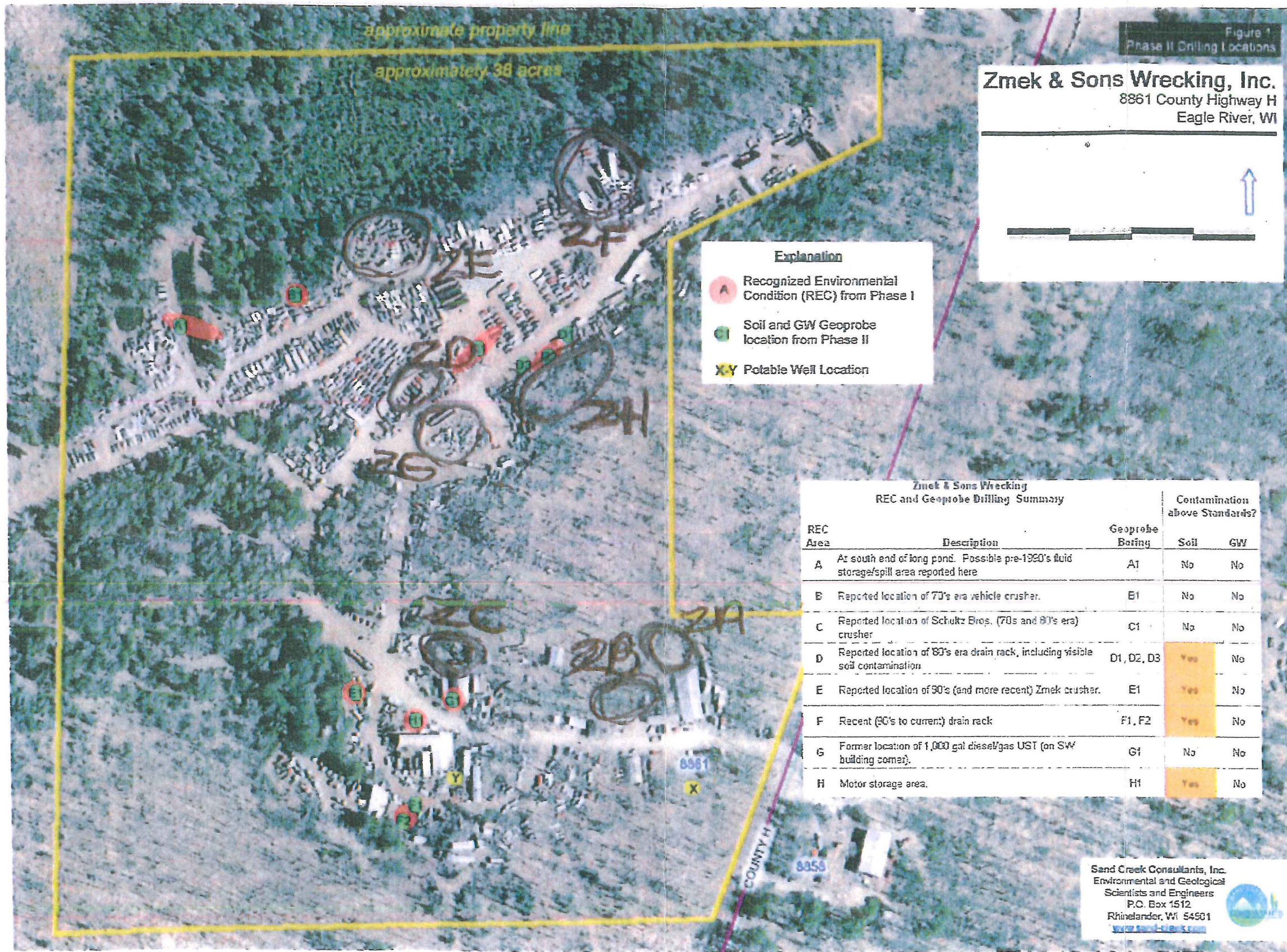


Figure 1
Phase II Drilling Locations

Zmek & Sons Wrecking, Inc.
8861 County Highway H
Eagle River, WI

- Explanation**
- Recognized Environmental Condition (REC) from Phase I
 - Soil and GW Geoprobe location from Phase II
 - XY Potable Well Location

Zmek & Sons Wrecking REC and Geoprobe Drilling Summary				
REC Area	Description	Geoprobe Boring	Contamination above Standards?	
			Soil	GW
A	At south end of long pond. Possible pre-1990's fluid storage/spill area reported here	A1	No	No
B	Reported location of 70's era vehicle crusher.	B1	No	No
C	Reported location of Schultz Bros. (70's and 80's era) crusher	C1	No	No
D	Reported location of 80's era drain rack, including visible soil contamination	D1, D2, D3	Yes	No
E	Reported location of 90's (and more recent) Zmek crusher.	E1	Yes	No
F	Recent (90's to current) drain rack	F1, F2	Yes	No
G	Former location of 1,000 gal diesel/gas UST (on SW building corner).	G1	No	No
H	Motor storage area.	H1	Yes	No

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