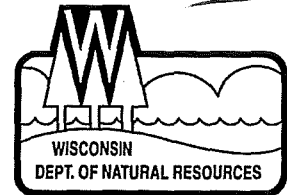


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January 30, 2015

Ms. Susan Owens  
617 North Bond Street  
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SUBJECT: Former Zmek Wrecking Property, 8861 County Highway H, Oneida County, WI  
Oneida County Parcel ID Numbers: SU529 and SU530  
BRRTS ID #: 02-44-548409

Dear Ms. Owens,

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) periodically reviews case files where environmental contamination was identified and a hazardous substance release was reported to the Department but investigation and cleanup were not completed.

You are receiving this letter because Oneida County lists you as owner of the former Zmek Wrecking, Inc. (Zmek) property referenced above. You may be aware environmental contamination was discovered during the removal of vehicles and associated equipment in 2008 when Zmek was shutting down operations. Sand Creek Associates, Inc. (Sand Creek) conducted some environmental investigation and cleanup of areas of contamination in 2008, then submitted a Closure Request to the Department. The Department did not close the site because Zmek provided information at the time the Request was being reviewed indicating additional areas of environmental concern, including hazardous substance releases and solid waste disposal on the property in areas not investigated by Sand Creek. Since 2008 the Department has received no information to indicate that the additional areas of concern identified by Zmek were investigated or remediated. Zmek was administratively dissolved as a corporation in March 2011.

As owner of the former Zmek property the Department believes you possess and control property where hazardous substances were released and solid waste was disposed during the operation of Zmek Wrecking, Inc. Hazardous substances and solid wastes are believed to remain on the property. As owner of the property you may have liability associated with these outstanding issues.

**Wisconsin Statute 292.11(3) states:** 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.

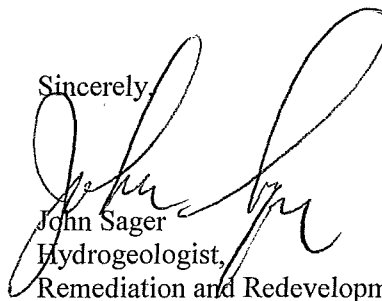
**Wisconsin Statute 289.31 states:** No person may operate a solid waste facility or hazardous waste facility unless the person obtains an operating license from the department. The Department does not have record of an operating license for your property.

**Section NR 500.06, Wis. Adm. Code states:** Unless otherwise specified, no person may operate or maintain a solid waste facility without a license from the Department. The Department does not have record of an operating license for your property.

Please contact me at (715)392-7822 or [john.sager@wisconsin.gov](mailto:john.sager@wisconsin.gov) as soon as possible to discuss this situation and a plan to address the outstanding issues associated with the use of this property by Zmek. The Department's case file for this site will remain open until these issues are resolved and the site is closed. As well as potentially causing additional environmental harm from hazardous substance releases and remaining solid waste on this property, an open cleanup case may make it difficult to market the property in the future.

The Department appreciates your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



John Sager  
Hydrogeologist,  
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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John Robinson, Northern Region Remediation and Redevelopment Program Supervisor  
Jayne Wade, Waste and Materials Management Program