



June 29, 2023

Ms. Dee Lance, Hydrogeologist  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
473 Griffith Avenue  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

**Re: Klismith Property (former Newman Appraisal Service)**  
157 North Main Street  
Amherst, Wisconsin  
BRRTS No. 02-50-550910

**Subject: Emerging Contaminants**

Dear Ms. Lance:

The occurrence of “emerging contaminants” was evaluated for the above-referenced Klismith Property (former Newman Appraisal Service) the “Site.” Potential contaminants that were considered include per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pharmaceuticals, pesticides, and microbes. PFAS were considered as a potential contaminant of concern because of the reported presence and use of a self-service dry cleaning machine<sup>1</sup>. Considering that the subsequent uses of the property included an appraisal service and an accounting business, no other emerging contaminant is considered likely to be present and was not evaluated.

The extent and precise use of the reported self-service dry cleaning machine is uncertain, but there is no evidence that waterproofing occurred at the property. The business was served by the municipal sewer, so any substances that were washed off the waterproofed textiles would be directed into the sanitary sewer and not discharged on-site. There is no evidence of activities that might have involved the use of PFAS; therefore, no sampling for the substances was performed.

In 2023, samples from the municipal wells for the Village of Amherst water supply were analyzed for the presence of PFAS. No substance was detected above its respective limit of quantitation. Two of the Village water supply wells are located less than 500 feet downgradient (southeast) of the Site, thus the absence of detections suggests that the Site is not a source of PFAS.

Considering the absence of practices likely to involve emerging contaminants, and the fact that none was detected in the municipal water supply, emerging contaminants are not a concern for the former Newman Appraisal Site.

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<sup>1</sup> Sand County Environmental, 2003, *Site Investigation (former Newman Appraisal Service)*, Sand County Environmental, Amherst, Wisconsin.

If you have questions regarding emerging contaminants at the Newman Appraisal Service Site, please contact me at 715.824.5169 or [pete.arntsen@sandcountyenv.com](mailto:pete.arntsen@sandcountyenv.com).

Sincerely,  
**SAND COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.**



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