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Subject: Dry Cleaners Etc (BRRTS #02-69-552218) 102 E. Cook St., New London, WI

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Hello Gwen,

I received your email dated August 21, 2020 detailing the interim actions and additional investigation required for the Dry Cleaners Etc site. I am replying to your request to respond via e-mail to this letter within 14 days of receipt.

I am happy that the DNR is actively participating in remediating this problem. I want this to be cared for. Those affected are my neighbors.

In your letter you requested that I indicate my intentions to move forward with the VI interim actions in a timely manner and additional VI investigation.

I am financially unable to comply with the request to proceed with these interim actions or additional investigations.

My wife and I are 70 and 67 years old respectively and are dependent on the limited income from our social security checks and limited savings which we use to cover basic living and medical expenses. We do not have available income to fund the requested actions. We feel that any additional financial burden would cause us great personal hardship.

I was always confident that the DERF fund with the stated high liability cap would cover all expenses once I applied for and paid the initial deductible of \$10,000. I remember the 2008 DERF deadline information "warned" either apply for DERF now or the property owner would be responsible for all mediation expenses. I contracted with Terracon, Inc in 2008 to provide engineering and consultation services. Terracon, Inc has provided ongoing, very professional investigation efforts until just recently. Unfortunately I was unable to continue to use Terracon, Inc services since DERF will not be reimbursing my current paid expenses of approximately \$23000. I have no additional funds available in order to continue funding this project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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