



March 3, 2023

Virginia Stiltjes
135 West Lincoln Avenue
Little Chute, WI 54140-1743

Subject: Response Requested by March 17, 2023 - Request to Perform Vapor Mitigation System Inspection
DNR Site Name: Sandies Dry Cleaners & Laundry (Former), 513 Grand Ave., Little Chute, WI
DNR BRRTS #: 02-45-552222

Dear Mrs. Stiltjes:

I worked with your late husband in 2011-2012 and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to sample the air in and beneath your basement. This was done as part of an environmental investigation of the former Sandies Dry Cleaners on Grand Avenue. I am writing to request access to your home this spring to inspect the vapor mitigation system installed in 2012 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

As you may recall, EPA installed a vapor mitigation system (similar to radon mitigation) in your home in 2012 to prevent contaminated air from entering your home from the subsurface. EPA provided you with an operation manual and turned over operation and maintenance of the system to you as property owner. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) inspected and enhanced that system in 2013 and provided an updated manual.

Unfortunately, little progress has been made on the environmental contamination since EPA was involved in 2012. As a result, the DNR recently obtained funding to inspect your vapor mitigation system and make sure it continues to operate as designed and remains protective. We are currently working with SCS Engineers out of Madison, Wisconsin on a contract to perform this work along with some other environmental investigation work in the neighborhood. SCS is the same consulting firm that coordinated the inspection of your system in 2013. There is no cost to you for this inspection.

Enclosed is an access agreement for your review and consideration. I ask that you sign and return one copy of the enclosed access agreement in the self-addressed, stamped envelope by Friday, March 17, 2023 to help us move forward with planning. Please retain one copy for your records.

I encourage you or a family member to first contact me with any questions by phone at 920-360-0853 or by email at jennifer.borski@wisconsin.gov. Please note I did attempt to reach you by phone on March 2nd at 920-788-2448 but was unable to connect or leave a message. I look forward to hearing from you or your family soon.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Borski
Hydrogeologist
Remediation & Redevelopment Program

Encl.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
ACCESS PERMISSION AND VAPOR MITIGATION INSPECTION AGREEMENT

I, _____ hereby give permission to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
(Print Name)

(DNR) and its employees, duly authorized representatives, agents and contractors, to enter upon and have access at reasonable times to the home located at 135 West Lincoln Avenue, Little Chute, Wisconsin, parcel identification number 260048300, and that is owned by **Ivan Stiltjes Irrevocable Asset Trust**.

The property is located in the T21N, R18E, Section 21 , Outagamie County, Wisconsin. The access permission is for the following purposes: The DNR may inspect and, as applicable, repair the vapor intrusion mitigation system installed at the home by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2012 due to the presence of tetrachloroethene and modified by the DNR in 2013. This permission allows the DNR to:

- (1) *Inspect the sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) including the sealed sump to determine if repairs or replacement of parts are necessary to maintain protection of human health;*
- (2) *Make necessary repairs or replacement of parts, such as the fan; and*
- (3) *Recommission the SSDS following any necessary repairs or replacements of parts.*

The property owner agrees not to damage or interfere with the operation of the SSDS and any work performed in the home that was completed as part of the SSDS installation, modification or necessary repairs.

The property owner understands that the property owner is responsible for the maintenance, operation, and repair of the SSDS and that in order for the system to be effective, it must be operated continuously and as instructed by the contractor.

The property owner understands and agrees that DNR is not liable or responsible for any operation, repair, maintenance or any other costs associated with the SSDS other than those performed by DNR through this inspection effort.

The permission that is granted in this Agreement is effective beginning on the date the Agreement is signed and shall remain in effect for one year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Signature of Property Owner Representative

Date

Print Name, Title

Email address

Mailing Address of Owner

Area Code and Telephone Number

Mail or email correspondence
regarding this site to:

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