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Mr. Kelly Staat 2744 W. Layton Avenue Greenfield, WI 53221

> Subject: Request for Property Access to Conduct Chemical Vapor Sampling 2744 W. Layton Avenue, Greenfield, WI Contamination Associated with 2736 W. Layton Avenue, Greenfield, WI DNR BRRTS #: 02-41-558578, FID #: 24139990

Dear Mr. Staat,

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been informed that LF Green Development, LLC has contacted and/or corresponded with you at least two times, outlining their need to access your property and conduct environmental sampling. The DNR further understands that, to date, you have not responded to, or have declined, these access requests.

This letter is a request to allow these environmental professionals on your property to conduct the necessary environmental work.

From both a health and liability perspective, it is in your best interest to allow sampling to occur as soon as possible.

Situation Overview

DNR is overseeing an investigation of soil and groundwater contamination at 2736 W. Layton Avenue. Testing your property is part of this investigation. Some contamination may, over time, have migrated underground toward your property.

Further, certain types of chemical contamination produce gases that rise through permeable soil and can seep into buildings through cracks, drains, and other small openings in basement floors and walls. Buildings with crawl spaces and slab-on-grade foundations can be affected as well. These soil gases mix with indoor air and can be a serious health concern. The process of soil gasses getting into buildings is called chemical vapor intrusion, and environmental sampling is necessary to determine if there is a problem.

It is likely that soil gas is present in this situation, and your property is located in an area that should be tested for vapor intrusion. It is possible that chemical vapors may be entering your home or building.

DNR Recommends Granting Property Access for Sampling Now

DNR highly recommends that you grant access to your property and allow this important health and environmental sampling work to be performed now, rather than risk taking on that responsibility yourself at a later date.

To allow environmental sampling for chemical vapor intrusion on your property, simply complete, sign and return the enclosed "Access Permission Agreement" to Linda Fellenz at 3434 Mill Road, Suite 30, Sheboygan, WI



53083 within two weeks of the date of this letter. You will then be contacted to schedule a day and time for air and soil gas sampling.

The following issues are important for you to consider in making your final decision about access:

Documentation in DNR Files

In the event that you do not return a completed "Access Agreement" within two weeks of the date of this letter, or otherwise contact DNR to explain why additional time is needed, it will be noted in DNR records for 2736 W. Layton Avenue that you are not allowing access to your property for vapor intrusion sampling.

Costs Paid if Access is Granted Now

Currently, Milwaukee County will pay for sampling work at potentially affected properties like yours. If you allow access for sampling now these services will be paid for in full.

You May be Responsible if Access is Not Granted

If you do not allow property access for environmental sampling at this time you risk becoming the party who may be responsible for investigating and mitigating any contamination that exists on your property – whether you caused the problem or not.

Potential Health & Real Estate Issues

Allowing access for sampling now, finding out if chemical vapor intrusion is an issue on your property, and following through with any mitigation efforts, if necessary, is clearly the best course of action. It will help answer your health questions, limit your liability, and demonstrate action to correct a potential issue for purposes of property transactions.

Additional Information Available

Fact sheets on vapor intrusion and related matters are included with this letter for your review. This is a complex issue, and you have many things to consider. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or want to discuss this matter in more detail. I can be reached at (414) 750-7030 and/or riley.neumann@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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Riley D. Neumann Hydrogeologist/Project Manager Remediation & Redevelopment Program

Enclosures:

RR-5456, Access Permission Agreement RR-892, What is Vapor Intrusion RR-953, Why Test for Vapor Intrusion

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

ACCESS PERMISSION AGREEMENT

I,-----hereby give permission to Milwaukee County and its employees, duly

(Print Name[s])

authorized representatives, agents and contractors, to enter upon and have access at reasonable times to the home/business located at 2744 W. Layton Ave., Greenfield, Wisconsin.

and that is owned by_____

(Print Name[s])

The property is located at 2744 W. Layton Ave., Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The access permission is for the following purposes: that Milwaukee County may screen the home/business for vapor migration from chlorinated volatile organic compounds located in the soil, associated with the 2736 W. Layton Ave. property, located near your property. This permission allows the DNR or its authorized representative to:

- (I) Install and maintain sub-slab vapor probe into the foundation of the home or business.
- (2) Collect at least one (1) vapor sample from the sub-slab probe(s) up to 3 different times of the year.
- (3) Collect 24 hour indoor air sample on each level of the home.
- (4) Abandon the vapor probe(s) when no longer needed.

The permission that is granted shall remain in effect until one year from the date of this signing, when the vapor screening work is expected to be complete. If an extension is necessary to complete the work, Milwaukee County will inform you in writing.

The property owner agrees not to damage or interfere with the use of any sub-slab probe installed as permitted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Signature of Property Owner

Print Name

Mailing Address

Area Code and Telephone Number

TENANT(S) *I* LESSEE(S) by UNIT NUMBER, ETC.

Name of Tenant(s)/Lessee(s)

Tenant(s) phone number

Tenant(s) email address

Mail or fax correspondence regarding this site to:

Linda J Fellenz, President LF Green Development, LLC 3434 Mill Road, Suite 30 Sheboygan, WI 53083 Cell: (414) 254-4813

Email Address

Date

Wisconsin DNR vapor intrusion quick facts

What is Vapor Intrusion?



Chemicals used in commercial or industrial activities – dry cleaning chemicals, chemical degreasers and petroleum products such as gasoline – are sometimes spilled and leak into nearby soil or groundwater. When this happens, these chemicals may release gases or vapors, which travel from the contaminated groundwater or soil and move into nearby homes or businesses. This is called vapor intrusion.

Why are these chemical vapors a problem?

The chemicals that cause vapor intrusion are known as volatile organic compounds, or VOCs. Even when spilled into soil or water, these chemicals easily evaporate. They don't cause human health problems when they evaporate into the outside air, but when their vapors move into homes or businesses, they may cause long-term health problems for the people who live or work in those buildings. These vapors are usually odorless and colorless and undetectable without special testing equipment.

Why is vapor intrusion a concern?

Exposure to some chemical gases or vapors can cause an increased risk of adverse health effects. Whether or not a person experiences any health effects depends on several factors, including the amount and length of exposure, the toxicity of the chemical, and the individual's sensitivity to the chemical. When harmful chemical vapor intrusion is the result of environmental contamination, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that steps be taken to reduce or eliminate exposures which could be harmful to human health. The process when chemical vapors from contaminated soil or groundwater enter a home or other structure is called vapor intrusion.

What should I expect if vapor intrusion is suspected near my home or business?

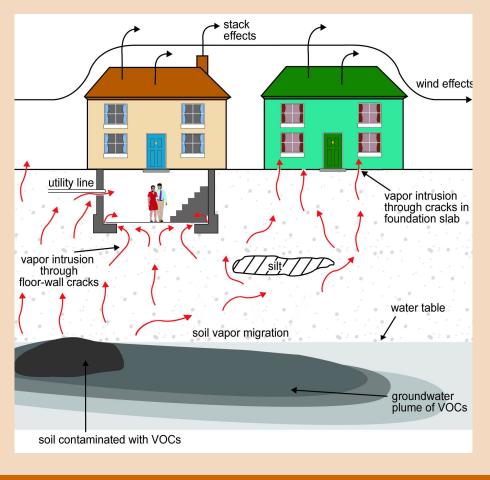
For businesses or other locations where VOC contamination has been found, the DNR requires that the potential for vapor intrusion be investigated. If you live near a site being cleaned up, you may be contacted by the site owner or others working on the cleanup. Your cooperation and consent will be requested before any testing or sampling is conducted on your property. Ask the person contacting you any questions you have about the work being done, or contact the DNR for more information (see DNR contact information on reverse). For more information about testing for vapor intrusion, see DNR-Pub-RR-954, "What to Expect During Vapor Intrusion Sampling."





How Vapors Enter a Building

If you live near a commercial or industrial facility or landfill where VOCs have entered either the soil or groundwater, there may be a potential for those chemicals to travel as vapors into your home or business. Vapors can enter buildings in various ways, including through cracks in the foundation and openings for utility lines. Building ventilation and weather can influence the extent of vapor intrusion.



Adapted from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) graphic. www.epa.gov/oswer/vaporintrusion/basic.html

Where can I find more information?

Health and vapor-related information can be found at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) website at <u>dhs.wisconsin.gov</u>, search "Vapor." For other health-related questions, please contact your local health department: <u>www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth</u>.

For more DNR information, please visit the DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program's Vapor Intrusion page at <u>dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Vapor.html</u>.

Additional information can be obtained through the DNR field office in your region. To find the correct office, visit the RR Program Staff Contacts page at <u>dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html</u> or call the RR Program at (608) 266-2111.

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Wisconsin DNR vapor intrusion quick facts

Why Test for Vapor Intrusion?



V apor intrusion is likely an unfamiliar term to you, and hearing that your property should be tested for possible chemical vapor intrusion may cause you some concern. That is understandable, and this information sheet is designed to answer basic questions many people have. Please refer to DNR PUB-RR-892, "What is Vapor Intrusion?" for a summary discussion of the term "vapor intrusion."

Most cases of vapor intrusion will pose no immediate threat to your health and safety. However, when other neighborhood properties are contaminated, it is wise to get your home or building tested to determine if there is any cause for concern. If potentially harmful chemical vapors are detected inside your home or building, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), working in collaboration with other health and environmental professionals, will help you come up with a solution to protect you and your family.

Please consider the following factors when deciding whether to allow access for sampling:

Peace of mind

If there's a chance that chemical vapor or soil gas is seeping into your home or business, testing can determine whether it really is and to what extent. If testing reveals a problem, then steps can be taken to resolve it, making the indoor air you breathe safer for you and your family. Like radon gas, vapors from nearby soil or groundwater contamination can be diverted from beneath your home or office building and safely expelled into the outdoors, thus improving air quality inside your home or building. The goal of sampling a residence or business is to eliminate as many of the unknowns as possible and safely address any concerns.

Who pays for testing?

You didn't cause this problem, so you don't have to pay for testing just as long as you allow reasonable and timely access to have testing done. The cost of sampling at potentially impacted residences or workplaces, like yours, is covered by the responsible party (the person or business legally obligated to investigate and clean up the contamination). In some cases, it's paid for directly by DNR, the Department of Health Services (DHS), or some other agency. Vapor sampling will be performed by a professional, and samples will be sent to a specialized lab for analysis.

Trained professionals and experts oversee the process

Multiple state and local agencies often work together to determine if vapor intrusion is a potential health risk in an area. The DNR, DHS, local health officials, the responsible party and environmental consultants are working together to ensure that quality samples are taken and that all results are given extensive review. It is important to gather the information in order to adequately understand if or where there may be a risk of vapor intrusion in your neighborhood.



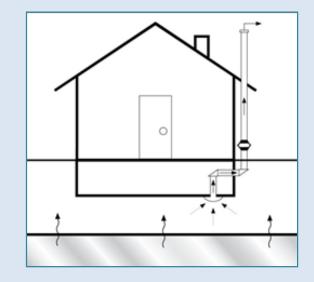


A simple, cost effective solution exists

If vapor intrusion is a problem in a house or building, it can generally be solved by installing a vapor mitigation system. These sub-slab depressurizing systems are similar to those used to eliminate radon gas underneath homes, and have been used for years in a safe and effective manner. If the source of the vapor is tied to a responsible party, they will often pay to have a system installed at your home. The annual upkeep and operation of a typical system is generally less than \$100 per year, mostly for electricity. These annual costs are typically the responsibility of the homeowner.

How will I know if the vapors have been eliminated?

After a vapor mitigation system is installed, followup testing of indoor air typically takes place three to six months later. The systems are usually considered permanent fixtures of the building. In cases where the source of the vapor is completely eliminated, the systems should no longer be needed.



If potentially harmful chemical vapor intrusion is detected in a home or business, the most common solution is to install a sub-slab depressurization system. This system captures and redirects soil vapors from below the building foundation before they enter the indoor air. Vapors are vented outside of the building where they disperse into the air and are rendered harmless.

Sub-slab depressurization systems also prevent radon from entering homes, which is an added health benefit in radon-prone areas.

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