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**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:09 AM

To: 'Ken Lassa'

Cc: Darin Baratka (darin.baratka@phillipsplatingcorp.com); Saari, Christopher A - DNR

**Subject:** RE: Phillips Plating Corp. - COVID-19 02-51-559634

Ken,

Thank you for your Covid 19 Compliance Assistance Request for the Phillips Plating site. The DNR has evaluated existing/historical data and determined no imminent threats from work not being completed at this time. With several years of groundwater monitoring documenting conditions at the site, we agree additional environmental impacts should not be caused by the delay. Based on this your request is approved. You should resume groundwater sampling when the stay at home orders are lifted.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Phil

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Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 1:29 PM

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- 1. Name of the facility/site Phillips Plating Corporation
- 2. Contact information for the central point of contact for the facility/site: Darin Baratka

1. Name of person notifying: Ken Lassa, consultant

2. Address: 4080 N. 20th Avenue

City/Town: Wausau
State/Province: WI
Zip/Postal Code: 54401

6. Email Address: klassa@reiengineering.com

7. Phone Number: 715-675-9784

8. Primary DNR Contact for Site or Facility: Phil Richard

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Thank you,

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