

From: Ron Collison <rlcollison@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Egan, Alice M - DNR
Subject: Fwd: BRRTS# 02-41-559223 Former Vogue Cleaners -- Follow Up

I am forwarding my communication with Issac that explains why I think there is no chance PFAS's would be found on my property on 4th street. The same reasoning applies to my property in Wauwatosa. The only processing of leather's done at my Wauwatosa facility was the washing of the garments. The garments were then taken to the 4th street facility where the garments were finished. Very few garments were processed in Wauwatosa and they were only washed.

There were not any chemicals used in Wauwatosa that would have caused PFAS's to be found on the property.

Please call if you have any questions.

Let me know if this forwards correctly.

Ron Collison

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ross, Issac A - DNR <Issac.Ross@wisconsin.gov>
Date: Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 12:56 PM
Subject: RE: BRRTS# 02-41-559223 Former Vogue Cleaners -- Follow Up
To: Ron Collison <rlcollison@gmail.com>

Ron,

I believe that is included in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th paragraphs which states:

"I would like to make several comments about the leather cleaning process at Vogue Cleaners. You stated a concern that perhaps there were PFAS chemicals on the property and their presence should be investigated. I don't think this is warranted for several reasons. I personally did all of the leather finishing at Vogue. To the best of my recollection all of the chemicals used in processing the leather was purchased at the Fiebing Co. in Milwaukee. The chemicals were not bought in bulk but rather in containers less than 5 gallons in size. Spillage didn't occur. I checked with the Fiebing Co. and was told that none of their chemicals contain PFAS. I used neatsfoot oil purchased from the Fiebing Co. to preserve and water proof leather. I did not use any other chemical for waterproofing that might contain PFAS's. The neatsfoot oil was sprayed on the leather after the garment was laundered in water. The spray booth was vented to the outside. Very few garments were cleaned in solvent.

The volume of leather cleaned was small. I was the only person processing the leather. Leather was cleaned only 1 or 2 days a week at the maximum. The typical wash load of leather was about four loads, or 3 hours. The leather cleaning operation was very small.

I cannot visualize any way in which there could be underground PFAS's at Vogue cleaners. I do not think the cost of testing along with the inconvenience and associated time delay could be justified by testing for the presence of PFAS's."

Let me know if you are looking for something further.

Thanks,

Issac

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From: Ron Collison <rlcollison@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 12:21 PM

To: Ross, Issac A - DNR <Issac.Ross@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Re: BRRTS# 02-41-559223 Former Vogue Cleaners -- Follow Up

Issac,

I was looking for the correspondence I sent you explaining how I cleaned leather.

Ron

On Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 11:28 AM Ross, Issac A - DNR <Issac.Ross@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Ron,

As discussed on the phone just now, below is a copy of the email previously sent.

Please feel free to reach out with any more questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Issac

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From: Ron Collison <rlcollison@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:58 AM
To: Ross, Issac A - DNR <Issac.Ross@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: BRRTS# 02-41-559223 Former Vogue Cleaners -- Follow Up

Issac,

I would like to make several comments regarding your letter of Nov. 15, 2019.

The paragraph under Background contains a sentence that states the UST's contained chlorinated solvents. This is incorrect. Chlorinated solvent was never store in UST's. It was stored in above ground tanks inside of the building.

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I would like to discuss this matter further.

Ron

On Fri, Nov 15, 2019 at 11:32 AM Ross, Issac A - DNR <Issac.Ross@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Ron,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss this site with me this morning. As discussed, I have attached a PDF version of the DNR's response to the previously submitted Remedial Action Plan. A physical copy of the letter has been put in the mail addressed to you. A digital copy has been sent to Rob Hoverman with EnviroForensics as well.

Additionally, information on Brownfield Redevelopments from the DNR can be found here: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/> , additional specifics can be found here: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Brownfields.html>

As discussed, I will be out of the office the remainder of the afternoon beginning at approximately 12:30. Otherwise, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for further discussion.

Thanks,

Issac

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