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SUBJECT: Case Closure
USAF 440th – West Ditch, 5950 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207
BRRTS #: 02-41-577107, FID #: 241176980

Dear Ms. Grosinske & Mr. Detzer:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to inform you that the USAF 440th – West Ditch case identified above met the requirements of Wisconsin Administrative Code (Wis. Admin. Code) chs. NR 700 to 799 for case closure. No further investigation or remediation is required at this time for the reported hazardous substance discharge and/or environmental pollution.

Provide this letter and all enclosures to anyone who purchases, rents, or leases this property from you.

This case closure decision is issued under Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 to 799 and is based on information received by the DNR to date. The DNR reviewed the case closure request for compliance with state laws and standards and determined the case closure request met the response action goals of Wis. Admin. Code § NR 726.05(4) and the closure criteria of Wis. Admin. Code §§ NR 726.05, 726.09 and 726.11 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 140.

The USAF 440th – West Ditch site was investigated for a discharge of hazardous substances and/or environmental pollution from stormwater runoff from the adjacent road and the former 440th aircraft maintenance areas into the nearby stormwater ditch. Case closure is granted for the sampled analytes as documented in the case file. The site investigation and/or remedial action addressed soil. The remedial action consisted of excavating impacted material in the West Ditch.

The concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic in the soil do not require further action at this time, but this soil may require management as a solid waste if it is excavated in the future. The property owner at the time of excavation must determine whether the material is considered solid or hazardous waste and ensure that any storage, grading, excavation, or disposal is in compliance with applicable regulations. Soil that meets the criteria to be considered “exempt soil” may be managed without department approval. See *Exempt Soil Management: A Self-Implementing Option for Soil Excavated During a Response Action under Wis. Admin. Code*

chs. NR 700 through NR 750 Applicability (RR-103) for more information (visit dnr.wi.gov, search “RR-103”). Contaminated soil may be managed in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 718 with prior DNR approval.

Site, case-related information and DNR contacts can be found online in the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) on the Web (BOTW); go to dnr.wi.gov and search “BOTW.” Use the BRRTS ID # found at the top of this letter. The site can also be found on the map view, Remediation and Redevelopment Sites Map (RRSM) by searching “RRSM.”

Please be aware that the case may be reopened pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code, § NR 727.13 if additional information indicates that contamination on or from the site poses a threat to public health, safety or welfare, or to the environment.

The DNR appreciates your efforts to restore the environment at this site. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact DNR project manager Riley Neumann at (414) 750-7030 or riley.neumann@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



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Additional Resources:

The DNR fact sheets listed below can be obtained by visiting the DNR website at “dnr.wi.gov,” search the DNR publication number.

Management of Contaminated Soil and Other Solid Wastes (RR-060)

Environmental Contamination and Your Real Estate (RR-973)

Post-Closure Modifications: Changes to Property Conditions after a State-Approved Cleanup (RR-987)