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April 23, 2021

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Subject: **Status Update Request**
Owens Property, 8861 County H, Eagle River, Wisconsin
DNR BRRTS Activity # 02-44-584685
DNR FID # 364000120

Dear Mr. Eckert:

You were notified on November 14, 2019 of your legal responsibilities under Wis. Stat. § 292.11, to address a hazardous substance discharge on the above referenced site (Site). A copy of this letter is attached for your review. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has not received any information from you concerning your response to this hazardous substance discharge. Submit the following items to the DNR by May 27, 2021:

- 1.) a written status update including hiring an environmental consultant
- 2.) A site investigation work plan.

As the responsible party for this hazardous substance discharge, you have a legal responsibility to investigate and clean up contamination resulting from the hazardous substance discharge. The DNR will work with you to move this site towards closure.

The legal responsibilities are defined both in statute and in administrative code. The hazardous substances spill law, Section 292.11(3), Wisconsin Statutes states "A person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance which is discharged or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge to the air, lands, or waters of the state."

Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters NR 700 through NR 749 establish requirements for emergency and interim actions, public information, site investigations, design and operation of remedial action systems, and case closure. Chapter NR 708 includes provisions for immediate actions in response to limited contamination. Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter NR 140 establishes groundwater standards for contaminants that reach groundwater.

The DNR appreciates your cooperation and looks forward to an update regarding this Site. Please contact me (715) 360-1966 or by email at: Carrie.Stoltz@Wisconsin.gov if you have any questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Carrie Stoltz
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Enclosures: November 14, 2019 letter

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