

September 3, 2021

Ms. Gwen Saliaries
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
625 East County Rd Y, STE. 700
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Ms. Saliaries:

Environmental Forensics is correct to suspect that the drums photographed at 1835 E. Edgewood Dr., Appleton are the same drums that were once located at 110 W. Cecil St., Neenah.

These drums contained Kleen-Rite and Puritan brand filters in a perchloroethylene drycleaning system. Please note that the content of the drums are dried filters and contain no liquid drycleaning solvent.

Through the Kleen-Rite purification process, the filters are dried completely and the solvent is recycled back into the drycleaning machine. The dried filters are then placed in a 55 gallon drum which is subsequently sealed.

The City of Neenah had ordered the building at 110 W. Cecil be razed in 2020. The drums located at that site were transported in a Donaldson's Cleaners company van to the 1835 E. Edgewood Dr., Appleton address to be stored and prepared for proper disposal.

At that time, financial reasons precluded Donaldson's Cleaners from disposing of the drums through a licensed hazardous disposal company. At this time, I believe that each drum costs \$400-\$600 for hazardous waste disposal.

When COVID occurred in 2020, Donaldson's Cleaners had experienced a 75% decrease in revenue. Donaldson's Cleaners retail location at 1835 E. Edgewood Drive closed in June 2020.

Without the resources to contract a licensed hazardous disposal company, the drums are currently stored in a semi-trailer with remaining items from a now dissolved Donaldson's Cleaners. The sealed drums are off the ground and are not contributing to the existing pollution issues at that site.

The trailer is located at 110 W. Cecil St., Neenah with permission from H&J Investments, LLC.

Sincerely,

Brett Donaldson

CC: Peter vanHouwelingen, Corporate Legal Counsel, Ltd.

