

DATE: October 11, 2021

FILE REF: 03-45-587233

TO: Radtke Property File

FROM: Colin Schmenk

SUBJECT: Phone Log with Mark Radtke

2:02 PM – Colin Schmenk returned missed call from Mark Radtke (October 8, 2021). Mark wanted to discuss the September 15, 2021 Notice of Noncompliance letter (NON) and to give Schmenk his side of the situation at the Radtke Property.

Mark said that the NON was the first time he had heard about the contamination case. At the time of issuing the RP letter Schmenk believed both Mark and Kelly Radtke lived at the same address.

Mark indicated that there was a smell in the water that was being piped to the barn in 2012. Mark said that he was unaware of the sample results that were collected by DNR in January 2012.

In 2013, Mark dug up the plastic water line that led from the residence to the barn and moved it to get rid of the odor in the barn water and put insulation around the piping. There was no smell in the water at this time.

In 2017, Mark again dug up the water line due to odors returning to the barn water and replaced it with galvanized piping. Mark asked if DNR would wrap the issue up since the plastic piping was replaced. Schmenk advised that since the degree and extent of contamination in both soil and groundwater is not defined the site will remain open until the site investigation and remedial action (if necessary) are completed.

Mark estimates that soil contamination was about 6 ft deep and stretched about 50 ft in diameter.

Mark recalled that the Radtkes had less animals than prior owners and thinks that less use caused an increase in contaminant buildup in the piping. The owner prior to the Radtkes had a few more animals than the Radtkes and they got sick. The first owner (McClone) had large number of cows and reported no issues with the water.

Mark has not lived on the property in a couple of years as he and his wife Kelly are going through the divorce process.

Schmenk indicated that Kelly had inquired with Westwood to get a quote to investigate the contamination, but they were never hired. Mark said that he would talk with his attorney to work on hiring an environmental consultant. Schmenk indicated that a list of consultants was included with the NON and Mark could pick a consultant from that list. Schmenk advised that Mark and Kelly work together to start work at the site but Mark did not think that would work.