



June 7, 2022

Gregory Lee
City of Dodgeville
100 E Fountain St
Dodgeville WI 53533

Subject: Liability Clarification and “No Action Required” Determination Letter
Dodgeville Travel Plaza, 1049 Bennet Rd, Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533
Parcel #: 216-1400.A
BRRTS Activity Name: Dodgeville Travel Center
BRRTS #: 07-25-589843

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received a request for a liability clarification and a “No Action Required” determination request from the City of Dodgeville on May 11, 2022. The Request was submitted with the appropriate review fee for the 1049 Bennet Rd location (Property) identified above. The purpose of this letter is to provide the City of Dodgeville clarification as to environmental liabilities and current environmental conditions at the Property.

Wisconsin Statutes (Wis. Stat.) § 292.55(1)(d)1 authorizes the DNR to issue a letter to a person seeking assistance concerning the liability of a person owning or leasing a property for environmental pollution at a property, the type and extent of environmental pollution at a property, the adequacy of an environmental investigation, or any other matter related to a request for assistance. This type of letter contains a DNR determination as to whether response actions are needed under Wisconsin Administrative Code (Wis. Admin. Code) chs. NR 700 to 799 based on the discharge of one or more hazardous substances, or the presence of environmental pollution at the Property.

The DNR reviewed the following materials in order to make a determination on the Request: t

- Liability clarification letter request, completed Form 4400-237, signed May 11, 2022, including a cover letter and attachments
- DNR files for Dodgeville Travel Plaza (03-25-563734)

PROPERTY USE

The property is 6.19-acre parcel. It is currently developed with a vacant building.

BACKGROUND AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

The Property historically operated as a convenience store, fueling station and restaurant. The Property is currently owned by the City of Dodgeville. On April 8, 2015, four underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed, and a tank system site assessment (TSSA) report was completed. Soil samples were collected and analyzed for petroleum volatile organic compounds (PVOCs) and naphthalene. Due to the presence of PVOCs the DNR was notified of the discharge. On May 15, 2015, 18.61 tons of contaminated soil was removed from the Property and landfilled. Post excavation samples showed that the extent of contaminated soil was determined and removed.

Based on this information, no additional action to investigate or remediate the Property was required by the DNR at that time.

DETERMINATIONS

Wis. Stat. ch. 292 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 to 799 require those who are responsible for a hazardous substance discharge or environmental pollution to take 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. Wis. Stat. § 292.55 authorizes the department to issue clarification letters concerning liability for environmental pollution.

The data summarized above indicates that one or more hazardous substance discharges or environmental pollution has been discovered on the Property. However, based on the information provided at this time and the criteria in Wis. Admin. Code § NR 716.05(2)(a) and Wis. Admin. Code §§ NR 708.09(1) and (2), the DNR has determined that no response actions, including further site investigation activities, are required under Wis. Admin. Code chs. NR 700 to 799 to respond to the identified discharges or environmental pollution.

As with any environmental assessment, some areas of the Property were not assessed, the number of samples collected were limited based on professional judgment and financial considerations, and environmental samples were not analyzed for all parameters. This letter relates and refers only to those conditions described above and to information and data you submitted to the DNR in your request for this letter. The DNR makes no determination concerning the presence or absence of hazardous substances or environmental pollution on the Property other than those identified in the documents and reports listed above, which you submitted to the DNR. In the future, if the DNR becomes aware of new information concerning the contaminants referenced above or the presence of any other contaminants on the Property, the DNR will evaluate that data at that time to determine if any response actions are required.

CLOSING

This letter, site, and 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.”

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 608-400-9934, or Mackenzie.Reynolds@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Soil Sample Location Figure from 08/06/2015 Case Closure

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