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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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August 25, 1987

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Mr. Thomas Seefeldt  
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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Subject: Discharge of Wood Preservative

Dear Mr. Seefeldt:

This is to acknowledge the conversations to-date regarding the apparent discharge of wood preservative at your facility and the observations made on August 21 and August 24, 1987.

Under Wisconsin Statutes, section 144.76, the responsible party in a hazardous substance discharge shall take the actions necessary to restore the environment to the extent practicable and minimize the harmful effects from the discharge. In our meeting on August 21, 1987, it was agreed that your facility would take immediate action to contain the discharge to the Wisconsin River and begin removal of the spilled material. It was also agreed that your facility would hire a consultant to begin an investigation as to the source and the extent of the discharge, and subsequently propose remedial actions.

On August 24, 1987, it was observed that your facility had installed a boom along the riverbank for containment of the discharge and a trench had been excavated between the riverbank and the building, revealing material present at the water table which appeared similar to wood preservative product used at your facility. Personnel from STS Consultants Ltd. and JAVCO, Inc. were also present to assist in the containment.

Since both Semling-Menke and the Department have interests in having the investigation and resulting cleanup actions proceed in a timely manner, the following timetable is set forth. Within fourteen (14) days after receiving this letter, have your consultant submit a scope of work regarding cleanup of the discharge to the Department for approval. Your facility should begin work within seven (7) days after the Department approves of the scope of work.

Mr. Thomas Seefeldt

August 25, 1987

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If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (715)359-4522.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Johnson  
Hazardous Waste Specialist

cc: Gary Kulibert, Rhinelander  
Bureau of Solid Waste Management, SW/3, Madison

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