

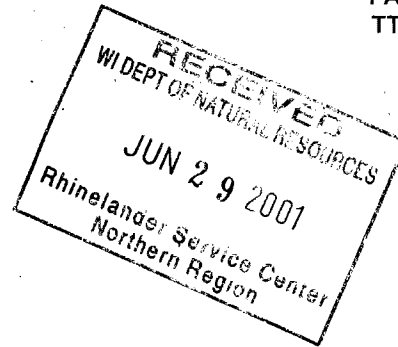
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Mr. William Bombich
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Subject: Superior Water, Light and Power - Manufactured Gas Plant

Dear Mr. Bombich:

I would like to thank you as well as your other staff members for meeting with me on June 26, 2001 to discuss the historic manufactured gas plant (MGP) in Superior Wisconsin. As we discussed, it appears from records that the MGP operated from approximately 1890's through the 1920's and operated as a carburetted water gas (Lowe's process) facility by Superior Water Light & Power Company (Survey of Tar Waste Disposal and Locations of Town Gas Producers, Radian Corporation, 1984). The location and ownership of the facilities listed in the Radian survey are based on historic Brown's Directories.

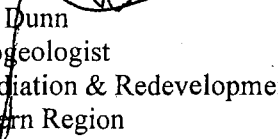
Part of our meeting was to discuss responsible party issues. The Radian Report indicated that Superior Light and Power owned/operated the facility as far back as the 1890's. Currently the potentially impacted area includes, but not limited to, Superior Water Light & Power, the City of Superior and Cutler Laliberte McDougl Corporation (CLM) properties at or near the intersection of Winter Street and US 35, in Superior Wisconsin including adjacent sediments of Superior Bay. I have contacted CLM and explained the situation and plan on copying CLM and the city on all correspondence.

Enclosed with this letter please find a copy of table B-1 that includes information regarding this site. Ms. Deb Amberg of SWL&P as well as the city agreed to forward to me information regarding the ownership/operation of this facility by the end of July 2001. Any information is helpful in determining responsible party issues.

Upon Review of the RP information the Department will determine the responsible party status of the site and notify the appropriate parties of their responsibilities under section 292, Wisconsin State Statutes. These responsibilities will include the investigation of the degree and extent of contamination at the historic MGP operation as well as contaminants that may have migrated beyond the facility.

Again, thanks to you and your staff for attending the meeting and any follow-up. If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, feel free to call me at (715) 635-4049.

Sincerely,



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TABLE B-1: IDENTIFICATION OF TOWN GAS MANUFACTURING SITES - ALL PLANTS (1890-1950)

STATE: WISCONSIN

NO.	CITY	YEAR	STATUS	GAS TYPE	GAS PRODUCTION RATE (MM cu. ft./YR)				GASIFIER/ PROCESS	*****BY-PRODUCTS*****				MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
					Coal	Water	Oil	Coke		Total	Coke	Tar	Ammonia	
21	Stevens Point	*	Lighting Co	C	(9)									
				C, W	(10)					Sutherland				
				C	11			11						
				C	8			8		(0.4)	(-)			
				C	42			42		(0.5)	50			
				C	56			56		(1.3)	62			
				N										
AVERAGES:					29			29			56			
22	Superior	*	W, L & P Co	W		15			15	Low (5)				
				W		14			14					
				Coke				54	54					
				Coke				125	125					
				P										
				P										
				O										
AVERAGES:					15		90	52						
23	Watertown	*	Gas Co	C	4				4					
				C	6				6					
				C	25				25					
				C	30				30	(1)	(-)	(0)		
				C	60				60					
				O										
				O										
AVERAGES:					25			25						
24	Waukesha	*	American Gas Co	C	6				6					
				C	14				14					
				C	33				33					
				C	86				86	(2)				
				W		9			9					
				O										
				O										
AVERAGES:					35	9		30						