



April 28, 2022

Mr. Eric Lindman
City of Wausau
407 Grant Street
Wausau, WI 54403

Subject: Site Investigation Report Conditional Approval, Wausau Business Incubator (Former),
1300 Cleveland Avenue, Wausau, WI 54403
DNR BRRTS # 02-37-587081

Dear Mr. Lindman:

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed the Site Investigation Report (SIR) and concurs that the extent of soil and groundwater contamination has been defined for several contaminants of concern at the former Wausau Business Incubator site (the Site). The Department may request additional groundwater sampling for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at the Site in the future. The Department received the SIR on February 23, 2022, on your behalf from GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI). The applicable technical review was received in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 749.04.

The SIR summarized actions taken to complete the investigation of soil and groundwater contamination identified in the January 22, 2021, Phase II Subsurface Assessment Report. The Department reviewed the April 14, 2021, Site Investigation Work Plan for the Site prior to collection of soil and groundwater samples at the Site. Contaminants of concern at the site included several metals, specifically: arsenic, thallium, antimony, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, mercury, and selenium. Additionally, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), bis[2-ethylhexyl] phthalate (DEHP), and PFAS substance were identified as having possibly been released at the site.

The extent of soil and groundwater contamination appears to have been defined for metals, PAHs, VOCs, and DEHP at the Site. PFAS detections in soil samples taken at the site may warrant follow up groundwater sampling at monitoring well locations: SBGW-1R, SBGW-3R, SB-1R, SB-5R, and SB-14R. At this time, additional soil sampling for PFAS is not required.

The Department recommends not abandoning monitoring wells at the site until the Department can provide definitive guidance as to its authority to regulate PFAS contamination under Wis. Stat. ch. 292. The Department anticipates it will be able to provide this guidance by July 2022, though court proceedings may impact this timeline.

Please contact me with questions regarding this determination via email at: matthewa.thompson@wisconsin.gov or by phone at: 715-492-2304.

Sincerely,



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Remediation and Redevelopment

cc: Michael DeBraske, GEI Consultants, Inc.
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