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Matt,

The attached are records that I had received from the City some time ago. The first is a June 18, 1986 drum removal report. The second is a City record (generated at the time by someone with the City, I presume), dated December 3, 1985 and references "Connors Meeting." The notes state "Barrels are gone = Nov 18-19 removed." Any yellow highlights in the documents are mine from when I had reviewed them earlier, and are not in the source documents.

To my recollection, I have not seen any other City or DNR documentation related specifically to the barrel removal activity on the Connor property described in 1985 City of Wausau notes. Based on the notes, this barrel removal occurred a couple months after the DNR started looking into potential illegally buried waste on the Wausau Connor property, according to the attached article from September 1985.

I was wondering if the DNR possibly has any documentation on these barrel-removal activities that were described as having occurred on November 18 and 19 of 1985, such as where the barrels were located on the property, how many there were, what was in them, and if soil sampling had been done in the area where the barrels had once resided.

Thank you,  
Tom

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12/3/85

CONNORS Meeting.

CABINET SHOP - WAUSAU

- City of Wausau - Dies area - City engineer

SNG: Sampling has indicated presence of  
Volatiles in area picking up Benzene & Trichloro

Barrels are gone = Nov 18-19 removed

Tanks have been taken out.

Glues to Meraturn. Co.

Trending to begin 2-3 wks



DRUM EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL REPORT  
CONNOR FOREST INDUSTRIES  
WAUSAU CABINET PLANT  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN  
JUNE 18, 1986

The In-Field Assessment report for the Connor Forest Industries, Wausau Cabinet Plant, prepared by Geraghty & Miller (March 4, 1986) recommended that the in-field assessment program be terminated and that exposed drums at the site be removed for both safety and aesthetic concerns. These recommendations were subsequently approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [letter to Mr. E.R. Corolewski (CFI) from Kenneth Markart (WDNR-Antigo) dated May 12, 1986].

On May 30, 1986, the drum carcasses that were located along the south and southeast boundaries of the Wausau Cabinet Plant site were excavated and removed from the wooded area. Larry Abraham of Abraham Trucking and two assistants removed the drums. Richard Manser from Geraghty & Miller's Milwaukee office was present to supervise the drum removal. The WDNR was notified of the date that the drum removal was to take place [letter from E.R. Corolewski (CFI) to Mr. Kenneth Markart (WDNR) dated May 21, 1986]. However, a representative from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources did not show up at the site during the removal activities.

The drum removal process entailed clearing paths through the vegetation, excavating the partially buried drums with a backhoe, pulling the drums from the fill area with a cable, and removing the drum carcasses from the site. These tasks were completed on May 30, 1986, with the exception of transporting the drums from the site which was completed the following day.


Approximately 60 drum carcasses were removed from the site. The conditions of the drums ranged from complete, intact drums to crushed, decomposed portions of drums. Approximately 75% of the drums were intact. Solidified glue resin partially filled about 15 of the drums.

Upon removal of the drums from the wooded area, they were temporarily stacked in 4 piles of 15 drums each behind the south building of the plant complex. On May 31, 1986, the contractor transported the scrap drums to the Marathon County Landfill [verbal approval for disposal was obtained from James Pelliteri (Marathon County) by Edward Rothschild (G&M) on may 20, 1986].

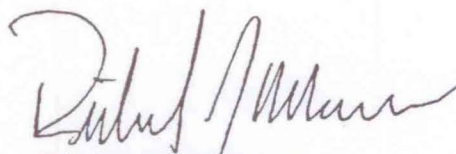
Based upon our previous investigations, and the approval given by the WDNR, the work effort at the CFI Wausau Cabinet Plant can be considered successfully completed. The work performed at the site indicates that no extensive deposits of waste are located at the site, that no environmental damage has resulted from the partially exposed drums exposed at the site, and a successful "remediation" (drum removal) has been carried out.

Respectfully Submitted,

GERAGHTY & MILLER, INC.



Edward Rothschild  
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Richard Manser  
Hydrogeologist