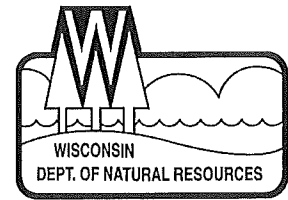


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August 15, 2014

Richard Carlson
CHS - Superior Grain Elevators
Terminal Manager
41 Dock St
P.O. Box 518
Superior WI 54880

SUBJECT: Tributyltin and Mercury Contamination
Hughitt Slip, Superior, WI

Dear Mr. Carlson:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“the Department”) has been notified of tributyltin and mercury contamination in the sediment of Hughitt Slip. The Department is investigating potential sources of this contamination. We are requesting information from you due to the proximity of your property to Hughitt Slip. CHS (formerly Harvest States Cooperatives) owns three parcels adjacent to Hughitt Slip.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the tributyltin or mercury contamination. Tributyltin is a compound found in marine antifouling paints, fungicides, and pesticides. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of chemicals or products containing tributyltin or mercury by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

The Department also requests that you provide us with a history of the owners, occupants and uses of your property. Also include a description of any documented hazardous substance spills, groundwater or surface water contamination, and any environmental investigation or remediation efforts that have occurred on your property. Please inform us of any piping, drains, sewers, or other conduits present on your property that could result in a discharge to the Slip. Please provide information on any painting or maintenance activities that you or others have conducted on structures or vessels in the Slip. Please provide any additional information that may aid in determining the source of tributyltin or mercury into Hughitt Slip.

Within 30 days of receipt of this notice, please provide me with a letter containing the information requested above. This information is requested by the Department under the authority of s. 292.11(7)(a) and s. 292.11(8), Wis. Stats.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me at 715-392-3126 or via email at erin.endsley@wisconsin.gov.

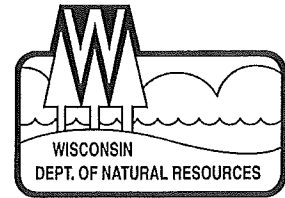
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Erin Endsley
Hydrogeologist
Bureau for Remediation & Redevelopment

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August 15, 2014

Eric Ringsred
1346 W Arrowhead Rd 342
Duluth MN 55811

SUBJECT: Tributyltin and Mercury Contamination
Hughitt Slip, Superior, WI

Dear Dr. Ringsred:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“the Department”) has been notified of tributyltin and mercury contamination in the sediment of Hughitt Slip. The Department is investigating potential sources of this contamination. We are requesting information from you because your properties located at 1617 N 1st St and 1515 N 1st St are in close proximity to and adjoin Hughitt Slip.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the tributyltin or mercury contamination. Tributyltin is a compound found in marine antifouling paints, fungicides, and pesticides. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of chemicals or products containing tributyltin or mercury by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

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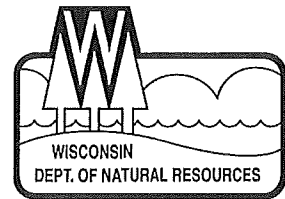
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August 15, 2014

Richard Martin
Sivertson Fisheries, Inc.
1507 N 1st St
Superior WI 54880

SUBJECT: Tributyltin and Mercury Contamination
Hughitt Slip, Superior, WI

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("the Department") has been notified of tributyltin and mercury contamination in the sediment of Hughitt Slip. The Department is investigating potential sources of this contamination. We are requesting information from you due to the proximity of your property to Hughitt Slip. Sivertson Fisheries owns two parcels adjacent to Hughitt Slip.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the tributyltin or mercury contamination. Tributyltin is a compound found in marine antifouling paints, fungicides, and pesticides. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of chemicals or products containing tributyltin or mercury by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

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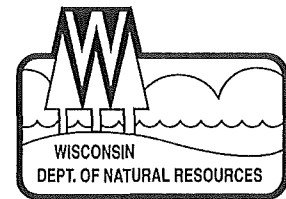
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August 15, 2014

Stephen Heimbach
Heimbach Leasing
211 Hughitt Ave
Superior WI 54880

SUBJECT: Contamination in Hughitt Slip and Cummings Slip
Superior, WI

Dear Mr. Heimbach:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("the Department") has been notified of contamination in the sediment of Hughitt Slip and Cummings Slip. The sediment in Hughitt Slip contains elevated concentrations of mercury and tributyltin, and the sediment in Cummings Slip contains elevated concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), lead, and mercury. The Department is investigating potential sources of this contamination. We are requesting information from you because your properties at 106 John Avenue, 107 Hughitt Avenue, and 211 Hughitt Avenue are in close proximity to Hughitt Slip and Cummings Slip. The Department is also aware of documented past releases to Cummings Slip originating from the property located at 211 Hughitt Avenue.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the contamination described above. Tributyltin is a compound found in marine antifouling paints, fungicides, and pesticides. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of chemicals or products containing PAHs, tributyltin, mercury, or lead by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

The Department also requests that you provide us with a history of the owners, occupants and uses of your property. Also include a description of any documented hazardous substance spills, groundwater or surface water contamination, and any environmental investigation or remediation efforts that have occurred on your property. Please inform us of any piping, drains, sewers, or other conduits present on your property that could result in a discharge to either slip. Please provide any additional information that may aid in determining the source of these contaminants in Hughitt or Cummings Slips.

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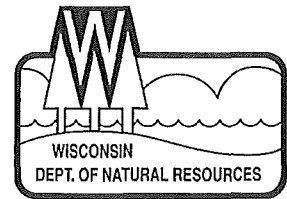
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Bureau for Remediation & Redevelopment

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August 15, 2014

Walter Smestad
425 Weeks Ave
Superior WI 54880

SUBJECT: Tributyltin and Mercury Contamination
Hughitt Slip, Superior, WI

Dear Mr. Smestad:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("the Department") has been notified of tributyltin and mercury contamination in the sediment of Hughitt Slip. The Department is investigating potential sources of this contamination. We are requesting information from you because your property located at 1416 N 1st St is in close proximity to Hughitt Slip.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the tributyltin or mercury contamination. Tributyltin is a compound found in marine antifouling paints, fungicides, and pesticides. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of chemicals or products containing tributyltin or mercury by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

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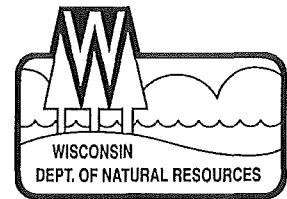
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August 15, 2014

Jon Vinje
Vinje Properties, LLC
217 Grand Ave
Superior WI 54880

SUBJECT: Contamination in Hughitt Slip and Cummings Slip
Superior, WI

Dear Mr. Vinje:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("the Department") has been notified of contamination in the sediment of Hughitt Slip and Cummings Slip. The sediment in Hughitt Slip contains elevated concentrations of mercury and tributyltin, and the sediment in Cummings Slip contains elevated concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), lead, and mercury. The Department is investigating potential sources of this contamination. We are requesting information from you because your property at 106 Cumming Avenue, and other adjacent properties, are in close proximity to Hughitt Slip and Cummings Slip.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the contamination described above. Tributyltin is a compound found in marine antifouling paints, fungicides, and pesticides. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of chemicals or products containing PAHs, tributyltin, mercury, or lead by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

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