400 South Kyes Street, 400 South Nast Street, Merrill, Wisconsin
Site Eligibility – Hazardous Assessment

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has reviewed this site using the *FY10 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants* and has determined that the property below is eligible for EPA Hazardous Assessment Grant funds. See below:

a. **Basic Site Information.** (a) Site name: SEMCO; (b) Site address: 400 South Kyes Street, 400 South Nast Street, Merrill, WI 54452; (c) Site owner: Semling & Menke, Inc.

b. **Status and History of Contamination at the Site.** (a) Petroleum or Hazardous contamination: WDNR believes this property is contaminated with hazardous substances. (b) Operational history and current uses: The property was originally developed with various lumber and millwork companies (woodwork manufacturers). By 1883, the site was already developed with five buildings, one of which appeared to be for commercial or industrial use. Several lumber mills and door and furniture manufacturing companies occupied the site through the 1930's. The Semling-Menke Company, predecessor of Semco Windows & Doors, started operation on the site in 1941 and has occupied and operated there since. The Semling-Menke Company is ending operations at this facility in the spring of 2011; (c) Environmental concerns: The property has a long history of manufacturing use. Contamination has been confirmed on a portion of this site and has been reported to the WDNR. A site investigation was completed on a portion of the property in 1989, revealing pentachlorophenol and wood preservative/mineral spirits impacts. Similar contamination is perceived to exist elsewhere on the site; (d) How site became contaminated and nature and extent of contamination: Contamination is assumed to have come from the numerous lumber mill and manufacturing uses at this site, including the current owner. The nature and extent of the contamination at this site is unknown.

c. **Sites Ineligible for Funding.** (a) The site is not listed or proposed for listing on the National Priorities List; (b) The site is not subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into by parties under CERCLA; and (c) The site is not subject to the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government.

d. **Sites Requiring a Property-Specific Determination.** This site does not require a property-specific determination.

e. **CERCLA § 107 Liability.** (See "g").

f. **Enforcement Actions.** The WDNR is unaware of any federal enforcement actions related to this site.

g. **Information on Liability and Defenses/Protections Where Applicant Does NOT Own the Site.**

   i. The WDNR has not arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at the site or transported hazardous substances to the site, nor has the

WDNR caused or contributed to any release of hazardous substances at the site.

ii. WDNR has no relationship with the owner of this property. The owner has provided the WDNR with access to the property and will cooperate with Phase I environmental assessment work.

iii. WDNR has already been granted site access by the owner of the site.

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Subject: Re: Haz Substance Eligibility Determination - SEMCO facility, Merrill, WI

Melissa,

We accept the SEMCO Facility's Site eligibility determination. I look forward to reviewing the Sampling and Health and Safety Plans in near future.

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Kyle,

We would like to initiate hazardous substance assessment at the SEMCO facility in Merrill, WI. This work would be performed under our FY2010 EPA Assessment Coalition Grant, CA No. BF00E95701-0. Attached is the request for eligibility information. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Melissa

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