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Hello- Sharing for your awareness. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Hi Tim,

Thanks again for the discussion of the former Allis Chalmers landfill property on 2/20/2025 and thank you to Heather for forwarding the proposal received by Milwaukee County (the County) from C.W. Purpero, Inc. (CWP) for the facility, dated 10/24/2024.

Rather than an addendum to SCS' 12/30/20 submittal, the department requests that the County submit a new and separate closure plan to supersede previous plans or proposals reviewed by the department, to serve as a formal submittal for department review and approval. (More about this below) Although we acknowledge the past correspondence with Jerry DeMers, we don't interpret his 2021 email on behalf of the department to be an actual approval; and therefore, we would require more than a "plan modification" as described in CWP's proposal.

After a preliminary review of available information at this time, the department has the following comments:

1. We would like a better understanding of the rationale that will be used to investigate groundwater at the site, considering the current monitoring well configuration and scope of environmental monitoring previously proposed in subsection 3.2.1 of SCS' document (submitted in 2020). The existing well network was conceived at a time when a larger redevelopment was being considered, which involved aggregating the closed landfill property with adjoining parcels. By collectively evaluating these parcels in the context of a single redevelopment property, it has rendered some of these well locations (e.g., to the east) as less meaningful in distinguishing off-property impacts contributed by the landfill itself from other potential sources (e.g., those properties situated in between). With that said, past investigations at and/or immediately adjacent to the parcel indicate it as a potential source of groundwater contamination in the vicinity. That includes the former landfill as an apparent potential source of vinyl chloride impacts to groundwater downgradient (to the east) and discharging to the Root River.

2. We will need more details on the procedures and any additional information helpful for us to understand the plan for episodic approval from the department for importing and/or redistributing material at the site (e.g., low-hazard grant of exemptions), including how the County intends to distinguish between Waste and Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) approval mechanisms.

3. Related to comments #1 and 2 above, the department asks that the County take another look at the suite of previously proposed analytes for groundwater at the site. Besides serving as a past repository for foundry sand, we understand the parcel is being considered for disposal of myriad potential contaminants with concentrations above soil-to-groundwater quality standards in ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code (e.g., wastes containing elevated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

4. Based on information in the CWP proposal, the department has immediate concerns about the use of a property currently zoned for residential purposes only as an ideal receiving site for contaminated material originating from off-site. Additional details on the discussions had with the City of Greenfield and an argument or response to these concerns may be helpful for the department to know early in the process.

5. Before providing more definitive feedback, our plan review staff in the Waste program will need to consult with Margaret Brunette in the RR program to ensure cross-program communications related to BRRTS case #02-41-000963 (Allis Chalmers/Cuywreco site).

6. As for a timeline extension to the NON, at this time, the department will not request an extension beyond the original date of 12-31-25.

The department is excited for this opportunity to partner with the County on achieving regulatory compliance. Please let us know if you would like to discuss this further or have any questions.

Best,

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Hi all,

Purpero got back to me very quickly and was able to okay my sharing the attached proposal with everyone on the DNR team. Let me know if there are any questions at all.

Thanks so much,

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