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Subject: Site Investigation Work Plan, Stella Township PFAS Contamination
County Highway C and Stella Lake Road
Starks, Township of Stella, Oneida County, Wisconsin
BRRTS #: 02-44-591257

Dear Mr. Madlung:
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has completed a review of the January 2026 *Site Investigation Work Plan BRRTS No. 02-44-591257* (SIWP) and supplemental information submitted to the DNR on March 13, 2026, which was prepared and submitted to the DNR by TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) on behalf of Ahlstrom Rhinelander LLC and Ahlstrom NA Specialty Solutions, LLC (Ahlstrom) for the Stella Township PFAS Contamination site referenced above (Site). A Wisconsin Administrative (Wis. Admin.) Code ch. NR 749 review fee of $700 was included with the submittal.

The SIWP proposes installation of eight water table observation wells and six piezometers, including soil and groundwater sampling, within and surrounding an area of historic land spreading at the Site.

The DNR approves the SIWP as an initial phase of investigation of the Site. During previous conversations which included legal counsel, all parties acknowledged the work proposed in the SIWP is an initial phase of site investigation. Based on the results of the initial investigation, additional investigation activities will likely be necessary to fulfill the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 716.

The DNR appreciates the work Ahlstrom is conducting to investigate PFAS contamination at the Site. Please contact me at John.Sager@wisconsin.gov or (715) 919-7239 if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss the proposed work.

Sincerely,

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