



February 26, 2020

Mr. Tim Czarneski  
595 Woodrow Street  
Denmark, WI 54208

Subject: Request for Vapor Intrusion Investigation  
Schneske Property (Former)  
127 Wisconsin Avenue, Village of Denmark, Wisconsin  
BRRTS #: 02-05-111210

Dear Mr. Czarneski:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is contacting you aware of the historic discharge of hazardous substances to the environment at the Former Schneske Property (the Property), located at 127 Wisconsin Avenue, Denmark, Wisconsin. This Property was formerly operated as a series of drycleaning businesses from the late 1950s to 1989, and notification of a hazardous substance discharge of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) was reported to the DNR on November 18, 1996.

As mentioned in a letter sent to you on November 6, 2019 regarding plumbing recommendations, the DNR is requiring that additional site investigation, along with interim and/or remedial actions, be performed at the property. This includes the imminent need for vapor sampling, and anticipated need for installation of a vapor mitigation system as an interim action under Wis. Admin. Code § NR 708.11.

Included with this letter, is a letter sent to you on February 9, 2015 describing the legal responsibilities of a person who is responsible under Section 292.11, Wisconsin Statutes, known as the hazardous substances spill law. The following section explains what needs to be done immediately to respond to the contamination, and provides you with information about cleanups, environmental consultants, possible financial assistance, and working cooperatively with the DNR.

Steps to Take:

To ensure that your cleanup complies with Wisconsin's laws and administrative codes, you should hire a professional environmental consultant who understands what needs to be done. At this time, the DNR has identified both short-term and long-term actions:

1. By **March 27, 2020 (30 days)**, you should submit written verification (such as a letter from the consultant) that you have hired an environmental consultant. The consultant must comply with the requirements in the NR 700 rule series, and should refer to the DNR's technical guidance documents. If you do not take action within this time frame, the DNR may initiate enforcement action against you.
2. By **April 27, 2020 (60 days)**, your consultant should submit a work plan for the vapor investigation. This is to include at least one vapor port to be installed in the on-site building. Please also provide any written documentation regarding past owners/operators of the on-site drycleaner to the DNR.

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3. You must initiate the vapor investigation within **30-90 days** of submitting the vapor investigation work plan if no review fee is submitted.
4. Report all sampling results to the DNR within 10 business days of receiving the sample results, as outlined in Wis Admin. Code § NR 716.14(2)
5. Once immediate vapor risk has been addressed, additional site investigation is required to define degree and extent of contamination in all affected media.

Please note that the immediate vapor investigation does not constitute a full site investigation for the site, but serves as a starting point for you to initiate necessary additional investigation, remediation, and potential interim actions.

We are hopeful that we can continue a dialog with you and your consultant to commence the VI investigation at the property listed above. If you have any questions concerning the SIWP, please do not hesitate to contact me at 920-662-5424 or [josie.schultz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:josie.schultz@wisconsin.gov). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Josie Schultz  
Hydrogeologist  
Remediation & Redevelopment

Encl. Current Property Owner letter, dated February 19, 2015