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Subject: Updates to Advisory Signs and Public Notification Methods, Tyco FTC PFAS, 2700 Industrial Parkway South, Marinette, WI

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Dear Ms. Sellwood,

On September 9, 2021, Tyco received a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) related to public notifications and posting of signs along surface water bodies in the vicinity of the Tyco Fire Products, LP Fire Technology Center at 2700 Industrial Parkway South, Marinette, Wisconsin. Tyco is committed to working with the area stakeholders and WDNR to achieve the objectives of WDNR's letter and provide updated signage in the areas agreed to by property owners. As the WDNR knows, before Tyco installs any signs on property belonging to other entities, the property owners must approve of the signs' design, location, and installation. Municipal entities may decide or be required to take decisions related to signage on municipal property to elected Council or appointed boards for review before approving sign design, location or installation. Additionally, at least one relevant municipal property owner, the Town of Peshtigo, has requested an opportunity to review sign content and language. Any adjustments would ideally be carried through all signs in the area for consistency, which could result in additional communication and approval amongst stakeholders.

This letter summarizes the discussions with the various property owners in the area that have taken place and updates the WDNR on sign status. As discussed, due to the requirement of securing property owner approval before posting any signs and the procedures necessary to secure municipal property owner approval, Tyco is requesting an extension for the installation of signs to at least December 15, 2021. A tentative target date of December 15, 2021 assumes that the relevant property owners have agreed to the design, location, and installation of the signs and that the ground conditions in Marinette will be suitable for sign installation (i.e., ground not frozen).

## Sign Design and Relevant Property Owners

Upon receiving the recommended sign from the WDNR, Tyco requested the source file for editing purposes. WDNR provided the Microsoft Publisher source file on September 14, 2021. Tyco made minor modifications to make the sign consistent with other public-facing Tyco literature and documents. A copy of the current draft updated sign is included. Additionally, Tyco reviewed the figure provided by WDNR and the list of recommended sign locations to identify property owners who would need to be contacted for approval prior to any sign installation. Property owners identified for their approval include:

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- City of Marinette (signs installed in rights-of-way [ROWs] on City-maintained roadways)
- Town of Peshtigo (signs installed in ROWs on Town-maintained roadways)
- Marinette County (signs installed in ROWs on County-maintained roadways and within County Parks or other County properties)
- Marinette School District (signs installed on school property)

## **Communication with Property Owners**

After initial review of the WDNR's proposed sign locations and updating the draft sign design, Tyco discussed the signs with Mayor Genisot and other City employees the week of September 20, 2021 to determine their interest in updating and adding signage on City property. The initial response from the City of Marinette was that they would like to review the request, and they were surprised that they had not previously been contacted by WDNR to discuss potential signage.

Given the volume of signs proposed on City property and the goal of installing similar signs throughout the area, Tyco decided to give the City an opportunity to review the signs prior to engaging other stakeholders. As the likelihood of a timely review and approval of the signs decreased, Arcadis, on behalf of Tyco, engaged the other property owners - the Town of Peshtigo, Marinette County, and Marinette School District - to keep the overall process moving forward.

On October 19, 2021, Arcadis reached out to the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Peshtigo, Cindy Boyle, to gauge their interest in updating and adding signs to Town road ROWs. In voicemail exchanges, Chairperson Boyle requested a copy of the WDNR letter and proposed signage. Tyco provided the WDNR correspondence to Chairperson Boyle on October 25, 2021. At that point, she indicated she would provide those materials to the Town's Water Committee for consideration at a meeting the following week and get back to Tyco with any comments. On November 5, 2021, Chuck Boyle, a member of the Town of Peshtigo Water Committee, informed Tyco that the committee had some requested changes to sign design and potentially additional locations they would like added. Tyco is awaiting those comments and may schedule a meeting with the Town of Peshtigo Water Committee depending on the complexity of the request.

On October 19, 2021 Arcadis reached out to the Superintendent of the Marinette County Highway Department, Eric Burmeister, to gauge their interest in updating and adding signs to County road ROWs. After leaving multiple voicemails, Arcadis was able to connect with Mr. Burmeister on October 27, 2021 when he verbally indicated that he approved of the request in concept but would like to see the updated sign and locations in writing. He requested a copy of the WDNR letter and proposed signage, which was provided on October 29, 2021.

During the week of November 1, 2021, Tyco reached out to Marinette School District to inquire about updating, potentially relocating, and adding signs to school property. To date, those requests remain unresolved as the school district is currently very busy working through their "Rightsizing The District" capital improvements that were approved as part of a 2020 referendum. Tyco will continue to engage the school district for feedback on the signage request.

## **Path Forward**

If there is agreement on sign design by all stakeholders (WDNR, City of Marinette, Town of Peshtigo, Marinette County, Marinette School District, and Tyco) and locations for the Town of Peshtigo and Marinette County by November 15, 2021, Tyco will procure and begin installing signs by December 15, 2021 in the areas owned/maintained by those entities provided the ground conditions are suitable for u-channel post installation. Should design approval take longer than the next week, there is a risk that ground conditions may prohibit sign

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installation until Spring. It is important that all stakeholders have adequate opportunities to weigh in on sign design as part of their approval process for sign consistency in the area. Specific locations for each stakeholder also need to be determined after sign design is approved and finalized. Sign procurement and installation on City of Marinette and Marinette School District properties will occur as soon as practical following approval by those property owners.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter as we continue to work with local stakeholders to be responsive to community requests related to public notifications.

Sincerely,

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