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Subject: Acceptance Letter for Tier 1 of Green Tier

Dear Captain Olson:

Congratulations! The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to approve your application and accept you into Green Tier. This letter of acceptance recognizes the value of Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (WIARNG) accomplishments to date. You have proposed future projects and goals in your application (see attached) which continue to demonstrate your commitment to superior environmental performance.

By entering the Green Tier program and through your commitment to an Environmental Management System (EMS), you will systematically identify opportunities for environmental improvement. Your team will identify aspects and set targets for reduced water, electricity, and natural gas consumption, as well as hazardous material disposal and deployment related challenges. Your EMS which evolved from your EPAS program is a robust and comprehensive program. We look forward to working with you on continual improvements for positive WIARNG and environmental outcomes.

By December 28, 2011, your EMS should either be certified to the ISO 14001 standard or documented as functionally equivalent (see attached guidance). You are reminded to perform an annual audit of your EMS, with every third audit performed by an outside environmental auditor approved by the department. Should circumstances arise that delay the fulfillment of these commitments, please notify us.

As a part of your commitments, you have agreed to submit to DNR an annual report regarding your participation in the program. These reports should document your current objectives and targets, as well as discuss any measured progress made toward those goals stated in this letter and your EMS. You should also present the results of your annual EMS audit, describing any non-conformances discovered and identifying actions taken or proposed to correct them. Your first report should be submitted to ~~Mark McDermid~~ with a copy to your single point of contact by December 28, 2011 and annually thereafter. If you desire a different reporting period to more closely align with other reports that you prepare, thereby reducing administrative overhead, please contact your SPOC to arrange for that modification. [GreenTier@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:GreenTier@Wisconsin.gov) UPDATE: Annual report due date is now **February 1**.

We also ask that you consider addressing the attached list of generic environmental indicators in your annual report, especially those related to WIARNG identified objectives and targets. This additional reporting is strongly encouraged, and it can help to quantify your successes beyond those explicitly outlined in this letter or EMS. This information will also help document the overall success of the Green Tier program. If needed, the department will work with you to identify those indicators most relevant to your operations and critical to documenting program results.

Our experiences have shown that organizations realize significant benefits from working regularly with an external group of interested stakeholders. As your participation in Green Tier matures, we would encourage you to collaborate with stakeholders in the development of your objectives and targets. The department can provide assistance in forming such a group should you require it. We also ask that you describe this and other communications with concerned entities in your annual report.

In recognition of WIARNG status as a Green Tier participant, you are entitled to Deferred Civil Enforcement as described in Wisconsin Statute section 299.83(6m)(d). In brief, if you discover a violation of an existing environmental requirement, immediately provide us notice of your discovery along with a corrective action plan and a schedule for bringing WIARNG back into compliance. DNR will not seek to impose penalties on you for the violation provided you successfully implement the corrective action plan in a timely manner. Please note that nothing in this acceptance letter replaces any obligation that you have to report and correct any violations of law or regulation.

This letter authorizes your company to use the Green Tier logo on written materials related to your facilities listed in your application (85 total). Please see the guidelines provided for further information regarding the use of the logo. The department has committed to annually celebrate your participation in the program through a press release, and will publicize WIARNG as a Green Tier participant on the DNR website.

~~Finally, Gregg Breese has been assigned as your single point of contact. He can be reached at 608-267-7407 or at [Gregory.breese@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Gregory.breese@wisconsin.gov). Please contact Gregg with any questions concerning communications with the department, approvals you may be required to obtain, or for any technical assistance you need.~~

UPDATE: Roberta Walls is WDMA's new SPOC.  
Phone: 608-785-9272. Email: [Roberta.Walls@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Roberta.Walls@wisconsin.gov)

I want to welcome you as a Tier 1 participant. As our working relationship evolves and specific environmental and business opportunities arise, please know the Green Tier program is prepared to help develop a customized working relationship with WIARNG under the terms and conditions of Tier 2.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew Frank

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Attachments: Green Tier Logo Files and Guidance CD