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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 25, 2019

Richard & Norma Schmitz.
P.O. Box 421
Rhineland, WI 54501

SUBJECT: Contamination Detected (Municipal Well #7), Rhineland, Wisconsin
WDNR BRRTS # 02-44-584094

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("the Department") was recently notified of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) detected in Rhineland's Municipal Well #7. As part of the on-going investigation, the Department is looking for potential sources of this contamination, of which your property at 3340 Airport Road has been identified, due to its proximity to Municipal Well #7.

PFAS compounds are a class of man-made chemicals. They can be found in firefighting foam (AFFF) products, dust suppressants used in chrome plating, stain repellants such as *Scotchgard*, and in the manufacturing of non-stick cookware, specialty papers, textiles (waterproof fabrics, tanneries), and personal care products.

The Department is investigating whether you and any past owners or occupants of your property may potentially be responsible for causing or contributing to the PFAS contamination in Municipal Well #7. The Department is sending this letter to request any information that you can provide regarding the use or storage of PFAS compounds by yourself or other past owners or occupants of your property.

The Department also requests that you provide us with a history of the owners, occupants and land uses of your property. Please provide any information that you may have as to any manufacturing that occurred on your property in the past and the years of its operation. Also include a description of any documented hazardous substance spills, groundwater or surface water contamination, and any environmental investigation or remediation efforts that have occurred on your property. Please provide any additional information that may aid in determining the source of contamination of the above-referenced site.

Within (30) thirty days of receipt of this notice, please provide me with a letter containing the information requested above. This information is requested by the Department under the authority of Wisconsin Statute sections 292.11(7) (a) and s. 292.11(8).

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me at (715) 365-8942 or by email at Carrie.Stoltz@Wisconsin.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carrie Stoltz'.

Carrie Stoltz
Hydrogeologist
Remediation & Redevelopment Program

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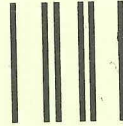
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