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**To:** Thompson, Matthew A - DNR

Cc: Randy Radtke

**Subject:** Comments on GEI Draft Tables and Figures for 1300 Cleveland Ave. (SB-28)

**Attachments:** CFI\_1974\_VS\_2020-2021\_Borings.jpg; CFI\_1974\_VS\_2020-2021\_Borings\_2\_Current.jpg;

CFI\_1974\_VS\_2020-2021\_Borings\_Contamination\_Definition.jpg

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Hi, Matt...

Tom shared the draft information from GEI with the group. We were all extremely concerned about the levels and found our concerns to be not only feasible but fact based. On Google Earth, we added some relevant soil boring locations to an aerial image from 1974 that Tom says that you have. The images are attached. Looking at the past images of Connor Forest Industries in Wausau, we have the following comments:

- We assumed the high concentrations of PAHs at SB-28 related to the former Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs) until we marked its location on the 1974 image
- SB-28 is in located very close to, or possibly in, an outdoor drum and barrel storage area shown in the 1974 image
- If some of the high PAH soil concentrations turn out to be related to Connor's outdoor drum storage, there are at least three other apparent outdoor drum storage or accumulation areas in the 1974 image
- GEI performed no soil borings in the location of these other three outdoor drum storage areas
- In one large area of accumulation in the 1974 image, spillage or soil staining can be seen below the materials. SB-26 misses this potential problem area, as it is located in the former parking lot to the east instead
- SB-16 misses the two potential outdoor drum storage areas south of its location
- GEI soil borings miss the potential spill/dump area and potential culvert discharge area identified on the 1974 image, as none of their borings come close to these locations
- SB-14 and other borings in the area do not necessarily come very close to the former storage tank area, so we are concerned that the contaminated area from the tanks may not be fully defined
- Based on the high PAH concentrations found in the vicinity of the drum storage area by SB-28 (and
  phthalate concentrations identified at SB-35 that could be from waste dumping), we circled four areas
  on the property that we thought would be useful to test to benefit GEI's definition of contaminated
  areas. They are circled in red in an attached image.
- Given the preciseness of Google Earth, we would be able to provide the exact latitude and longitude for the areas described if that would be of use to the department

We appreciate that the DNR allows the community to provide its input on these neighborhood sites, and thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this information.

Submitted on behalf of the group,

Terry

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