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Mr. Tom C. Baumgartner, Director, Safety & Environmental Compliance
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Dear Mr. Baumgartner:

This letter is a request for an update on the current status of remedial investigations performed at former Mercury Marine Plants No. 1 and No. 2 located within the City of Cedarburg.

Brief history

PCBs and VOCs were found in environmental samples collected as part of the Department's 1989 Environmental Repair investigation of the City of Cedarburg water supply contamination near a tank excavation at former Plant 2. Only VOCs were found in environmental samples collected on the former Plant No. 1 property as part of that same Environmental Repair study.

In 1991, the Department of Natural Resources asked that Mercury Marine investigate the contamination found at former Plant No. 2. The investigation proposed by CH2M Hill included investigation of VOC contamination only; the proposed investigation was not approved by the Department. Remedial investigation at former Plant 2 was effectively placed on hold during the investigation and remedial activities performed by Mercury Marine and its agents as part of the Cedar Creek project. We had hoped that the PCB contamination found at former Plant 2 would be addressed as part of the Cedar Creek project; unfortunately, this has not occurred to date.

Remedial investigation of VOC contamination found in the subsurface at former Plant No. 1 was conducted by your consultant, CH2M Hill during 1993. Environmental samples collected as part of this remedial investigation confirmed the presence of VOC contamination in the subsurface at former Plant No. 1. Additional investigative sampling, pilot testing of soil vapor extraction, and pilot testing of groundwater extraction were proposed actions during a 1993 meeting attended by Mercury Marine representatives, CH2M Hill representatives, and Department of Natural Resources Water Supply and Environmental Repair program representatives. As a result of this meeting, an additional round of investigative sample results was received by the Department in September 1993. These samples again confirmed the presence of VOC contamination.



The Department recognizes that much of your time and resources were devoted to the Cedar Creek project. Since a major portion of that project has been completed, it is our hope that Mercury Marine will resume investigation and will pursue remediation of contamination found at its former Plants Nos. 1 and 2.

I would like to arrange a meeting to discuss your future plans for these investigations. With the holidays rapidly approaching, I suggest that we set up a meeting during the last week of January 1996 or the first week of February 1996. Please contact me to arrange a mutually agreeable date and time at (414) 229-0821.

Sincerely,



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