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Ms. Margaret Graefe
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Dear Ms. Graefe,

Mercury Marine is currently involved in a number of environmental projects in the Cedarburg area. These involve the former Plant 1, former Plant 2, the Prochnow Landfill, the Blank property and Cedar Creek. I thought it would be appropriate to briefly describe our plans/activities in each of these projects. In addition, Mercury would also find it helpful if a single project manager could be assigned to work on Cedarburg related projects, such as former Plant 1 and 2 and Cedar Creek. Having a single point of contact would facilitate coordination of our various efforts.

Former Plant 2. As part of the purchase of Plant 2, it was agreed that the previous owner could leave the existing debris in the building. Disposal of the debris would be the responsibility of Mercury. This debris consists of scrap metal, wood products, paper products, old equipment, furniture and drums with unknown contents. Also, to effectively perform an investigation of this site, the debris must be removed to allow safe access to all areas of the facility.

Previous investigations conducted at the plant indicated that PCBs were present on the floors and walls. Therefore, to initiate removal of the debris, a characterization program was conducted in 1995 to determine the appropriate disposal methods. After reviewing this data, it was decided that a clean staging area would first be required. This staging area has recently been set up in the southwest area of the plant adjacent to the loading docks on Madison Avenue. Staging area preparations included steam cleaning high contact surfaces of the walls, shot blasting the shop floor with subsequent application of an epoxy coating, installing an at-grade overhead door with access ramp, utility upgrades and numerous other building changes to accommodate our upcoming activities. We also prepared and made operational a field office for all our Cedarburg activities by cleaning and upgrading the existing old office area in the plant.

With these activities completed, we then conducted a pilot test on cleanable debris to determine cleaning protocols, production rates and cleaning effectiveness. Based on these test results, we designed a full-scale cleaning program and have installed the necessary equipment for this system in the plant. The system is fully operational, and we have now begun consolidating and cleaning debris for subsequent removal. We anticipate the cleaning and removal activities will take up to a minimum of three months to complete.

With the debris removed, we then will investigate the cleaning of the interior of the building structure and perform the necessary activities.

Former Plant 1. During the last few months, we have been in contact with Weil Pump Company, Inc., owners of our former Plant 1. Weil Pump Company, Inc. is planning a facility expansion this year. To accommodate their expansion, we are presently reviewing their plans and potential remediation options per NR 700. We anticipate this review will be completed during the next few months. If deemed necessary, we will then submit a work plan to the Department for approval so we can coordinate our activities with that of Weil Pump Company, Inc.

Prochnow Landfill/Blank Property. In 1996, we anticipate continued involvement with the Prochnow Landfill, the Blank property and the EPA Prochnow PRP lawsuit. These three activities are consistent with the goal of working to resolve the "Cedarburg issues."

Cedar Creek RI/FS. Mercury is working with Amcast on the Cedar Creek RI/FS. We are looking to discuss (with the Department) potential activities that can be undertaken to move ahead with RI/FS activities.

I will keep you informed of our progress through periodic status reports. If you have any questions, please call me at (414) 929-5500.

Sincerely,



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