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From: Frye, Stephen (MPCA)
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Barb Held
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hi Barb.

The MPCA is in the process of taking over the petroleum investigation, which should be approved by the end of this month. We will be hiring a contractor on behalf of MDW Equity LLC to define the extent and magnitude and evaluate risk. The MPCA will not take any action with the building unless corrective action would be required.

I would suggest discussing building issues with Sara Vinas, MDW Equity LLC. Please contact her by email at slvonecorp@gmail.com.

If you have other questions, please let me know.

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From: Barb Held [<mailto:BHeld@stfrancismn.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:47 PM
To: Frye, Stephen (MPCA)
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Stephen:

At our last City Council meeting the Council discussed the "old Food-n-Fuel" site (4020-233rd) and what an eye sorer that property was. Do you have any time frame of when anything will be done to that property? Some of the plywood is off the window and you can see what looks like possibly mold forming inside.

Barb

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From: Frye, Stephen (MPCA) [<mailto:stephen.frye@state.mn.us>]
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 10:08 AM
To: Barb Held
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hi Barb.

I sent the order to MDW Equity LLC on Monday. I will let you know when the MPCA will take over the investigation.

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From: Barb Held [mailto:BHeld@stfrancismn.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:16 AM
To: Frye, Stephen (MPCA)
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Thank you Stephen.

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From: Frye, Stephen (MPCA) [mailto:stephen.frye@state.mn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Barb Held
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hi Barb.

I'm sending an order next week to MDW Equity LLC that will allow the MPCA to take over the investigation. We should have full control by the end of December or early January. After taking control, we will conduct an investigation to determine risks and necessary cleanup.

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From: Barb Held [mailto:BHeld@stfrancismn.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Frye, Stephen (MPCA)
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hi Stephen;

I was just wondering if the MPCA officially took over the investigation of the site in St. Francis located at 4020-233rd Avenue. Is there a timeline that you anticipate for the environmental cleanup? That site has been an eye sorer in St. Francis for a long time.

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From: Frye, Stephen (MPCA) [mailto:stephen.frye@state.mn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 4:21 PM
To: Barb Held
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hi Barb.

I wanted to give an update regarding the former St. Francis Food-n-Fuel site. The Department of Commerce reviewed MDW Equity's financial hardship claim and determined they are financially unable to proceed.

This determination allows the MPCA to proceed with completing the investigation work after an enforcement order is sent. I am completing the order this week. I'll keep you posted when the MPCA has officially taken over the investigation.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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From: Barb Held [mailto:BHeld@stfrancismn.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Frye, Stephen (MPCA)
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Thank you for the information and keeping us informed.

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From: Frye, Stephen (MPCA) [mailto:stephen.frye@state.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 1:18 PM
To: Barb Held
Subject: RE: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hi Barb.

MDW Equity LLC did respond to MPCA's letter dated April 15, 2013. On June 27, 2013, MDW Equity LLC filed a financial hardship claim with the Department of Commerce Petrofund stating they didn't have the means to pay for an investigation and/or clean up. The Petrofund staff asked for additional documentation on July 30, 2013. We are awaiting MDW Equity LLC's response.

If additional documentation is not submitted by MDW Equity LLC or the claim is not approved by the Petrofund, they are still held responsible to investigate and/or take corrective actions at the site. The MPCA will pursue additional enforcement actions including issuance of a Commissioner's Order if there is no response to any requests between MPCA and the Petrofund. After issuance of the Commissioner's Order, the MPCA will take over the investigation and/or corrective actions in the fund finance program if there is still lack of cooperation.

If the financial hardship claim is approved by the Department of Commerce Petrofund, the MPCA will conduct an investigation and/or corrective actions on behalf of MDW Equity LLC in the fund finance program and will not seek to recover costs.

As far as timing, most of this process is waiting for information from MDW Equity LLC. I am encouraging MDW Equity LLC to respond as quickly as possible to keep things moving forward.

I will keep the city informed as possible through the process. If you have additional questions, please let me know.

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From: Barb Held [<mailto:BHeld@stfrancismn.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 10:04 AM
To: Frye, Stephen (MPCA)
Subject: 4020-233rd Avenue St. Francis

Hello Stephen;

Attached is a letter that you sent to the owners of the former Food-N-Fuel site in St. Francis. Our City Council asked recently what the progress was on this project. In your letter dated April 15, 2013 you gave them a date of May 15, 2013 to respond to you. The St. Francis City Council would like to see this proceed and is there anything we, as a City can do to help with your enforcement. So the question is have they responded to you and what is the next step in this process. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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