



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

520 Lafayette Road North | St. Paul, MN 55155-4194 | 651-296-6300 | 800-657-3864 | 651-282-5332 TTY | [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

April 30, 2014

Mr. Doug Schmitz  
Schmitz Grain  
795 State Highway 30  
Currie, MN 56123

RE: Petroleum Tank Release Site File Closure and Spill Site File Closure  
Site: Schmitz Grain, 795 State Highway 30, Currie, Murray County  
Site ID#: LEAK # 00019355/Spill #87037

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is pleased to let you know it has determined your investigation and/or cleanup have adequately addressed the petroleum tank release at the site (Site) listed above. Based on the information provided, the MPCA has closed the petroleum tank release site file, LEAK #00019355 and the associated spill file, Spill #87037.

The closure of the petroleum tank release site file means the MPCA does not require any additional investigation and/or cleanup work at this time or in the foreseeable future. Please be aware that file closure does not necessarily mean that all petroleum contamination has been removed from this Site. However, the MPCA has concluded that any remaining contamination, if present, does not appear to pose a threat to public health or the environment under current conditions.

The MPCA reserves the right to reopen this file and to require additional investigation and/or cleanup work if new information, changing regulatory requirements, or changed land use makes additional work necessary. If you or other parties discover additional contamination (either petroleum or non-petroleum) that was not previously reported, Minnesota state law requires that the MPCA be notified immediately.

You should understand this letter does not release any party from liability for the petroleum contamination under Minn. Stat. § 115C.021, subd. 1 (2012) or any other applicable state or federal law. In addition, this letter does not release any party from liability for non-petroleum contamination, if present, under Minn. Stat. § 115B (2012), the Minnesota Superfund Law.

Please note that as a result of performing the requested work you may be eligible to apply to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Fund (Petrofund) for partial reimbursement of the costs you have incurred in investigating and cleaning up this petroleum tank release. The Petrofund is administered by the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petro Board) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce. To learn more about who is eligible, the types of work, and the amount of reimbursement available, please contact the Petrofund at 651-539-1515 or 1-800-638-0418.

Mr. Doug Schmidt

Page 2

April 30, 2014

If future development of this property or the surrounding area is planned, it should be assumed that petroleum contamination may still be present. If petroleum contamination is encountered during future development work, the MPCA should be notified immediately.

For specific information regarding petroleum contamination that may remain at this leak site, please call the Petroleum Remediation Program File Request Program at 651-757-2799. The MPCA fact sheet *Request to Bill for Services Performed* must be completed prior to arranging a time for file review.

Thank you for your response to this petroleum tank release and for your cooperation with the MPCA to protect public health and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact either Kathryn Serier, Project Manager, at 651-231-6043, or Craig Schafer, Emergency Response Team, at 507-476-4269.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Serier  
Project Manager  
Petroleum Remediation & Redevelopment Section  
Remediation Division



Craig Schafer  
Emergency Response Team  
Emergency Response Section  
Remediation Division

KS/CS:csa

cc: Juanita Oeltjenbruns, City Clerk, Currie  
Jeff Zens, Fire Chief, Currie  
Jon Bloemendaal, Murray County Solid Waste Officer  
Paul Carter, West Central Environmental Consultants  
Minnesota Department of Commerce Petrofund Staff