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re: Project Update
Junction Food-N-Fuel Site
5493 Miller Trunk Highway
Hermantown, Minnesota
MPCA Leak # 3534

Dear Mr. Eddie:

As we recently discussed by phone, the general work plan for a final corrective action at the Junction Food-N-Fuel site has shifted significantly.

Former Work Plan:

- Abandonment (sealing) of the site's two impacted water supply wells (the MMT Heating & Cooling well and the Radco well);
- Replacement of the two impacted wells with two new wells to be set within a lower aquifer; connection of the new wells to their associated facilities;
- Bi-monthly water sampling of the site's two new wells for a period of one year;
- Completion and submission of a CAD Implementation Report and an Annual Monitoring Report for the project.

Present Work Plan:

- Extend a nearby municipal water line to the site; connect to the MMT Heating & Cooling and Radco facilities.
- Complete and submit a CAD Implementation Report.

The present work plan carries several advantages over the former. With the present work plan, the existing wells could remain in place and be used by the tenants for any non-potable water needs. With the municipal supply, acceptable quality and adequate quantity of water are guaranteed, while such attributes of any newly installed private wells may not be realized. In addition, newly installed wells would require an additional year of monitoring to confirm their waters' quality (assuming no impacts are revealed with the new wells) while the municipal water supply extension would eliminate the need for an additional year's monitoring.

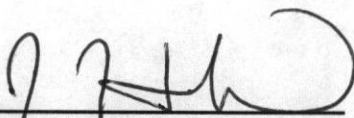
The present work plan is currently in its early stages of progression. The Curtis Oil Company has circulated a petition and has gathered preliminary consents of a majority of landowners along the municipal water line extension route. The Hermantown City Engineer is presently preparing a preliminary engineering plan / feasibility study with a cost estimate for the extension, which should be ready for public hearing to be held

during one of the city council November meetings (11/1/10 or 11/15/10). Assuming that a majority of the affected landowners remain in favor of the municipal water line extension, the city engineer will draft a detailed engineering study. Following further majority approval by the landowners, the city council will order the improvements and the project will go out for bid, likely in December, 2010 or January, 2011. Groundbreaking for the project is anticipated for the spring of 2011 with the project's conclusion expected by early summer 2011.

For details regarding the process leading up to the project's groundbreaking, John Clares, Director of City Planning (218-729-3600) and David Salo, Hermantown City Engineer (218-727-8796) have been very helpful.

Please feel free to call me at any time at 715-392-7114.

Sincerely,
Twin Ports Testing, Inc.



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