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Subject: Badger Army Ammunition Plant – Baraboo, Wisconsin
Grubers Grove Sediment
BRRTS #02-57-001002

Dear Mike:

We have reviewed the Gruber's Grove Bay Sediment Sampling Report submitted on behalf of the Army in July 2016. The report documented levels of mercury in the sediment of the bay that pose an unacceptable risk to aquatic life. The mercury in the sediment is the result of discharges from the Badger Army Ammunition Plant which constitutes a discharge of a hazardous substance regulated under Wis. Stat. ch. 292 (Wisconsin Spills Law). The causer of the discharge must take action necessary to restore the environment. The July 2016 report has defined the degree and extent of the impact to the river sufficient to support an evaluation of remedial actions necessary to restore the river. The Army should either revise their Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to ensure that the chosen remedial action (dredging) is protective or, if that is not feasible, perform an evaluation to identify alternative remedial actions necessary to address the discharge, per Wis. Adm. Code ch. NR 722.

We would like to meet with you to discuss the next steps for the Army to continue to make progress on the site. The meeting should cover a general schedule (and any plans that are available) for the restoration of the portions of the river impacted by the discharge from the ammunition plant. We propose to meet either at the WDNR Central Office or at the former Badger AAP. Please provide us with your preferred meeting location and availability for the period of September 4 through September 15.

Please feel free to call me at 608-267-7570 or email me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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