

April 2, 2012

Mr. Jeff Ackerman
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711
(608) 275-3323
jeff.ackerman@wisconsin.gov

RE: Public Comment from Members of the Badger Restoration Advisory Board on the Preliminary Determination for the Groundwater Remedial Strategy for Badger Army Ammunition Plant

Dear Mr. Ackerman,

In accordance with our by-laws, the Badger Restoration Advisory Board is an independent public body established to allow individual members to provide policy and technical advice to the regulated and regulating agencies with respect to key environmental restoration decisions at Badger Army Ammunition Plant (Badger). Members represent a cross-section of individuals both acutely and tangentially impacted by environmental contamination from Badger and include representatives of local, county, state, federal and tribal government.

Consistent with the board's purpose, we wish to provide the following public comment on the WDNR's Preliminary Determination for the Groundwater Remedial Strategy for Badger. On February 16, 2012, the WDNR completed its review of the Army's proposal and made a preliminary determination that the Army's chosen remedy for groundwater contamination is feasible.

The Army's selected remedy includes the installation of a public water supply system to serve potentially affected homeowners east and south of the facility combined with the phased shutdown of a groundwater treatment system and monitored natural attenuation, all of which are subject to future WDNR review.

We, the undersigned members of the Badger Restoration Advisory Board, believe that the selected remedy for groundwater contamination from Badger Army Ammunition Plant should:

- prevent undue economic hardship to local farmers and area residents
- protect and prevent contamination of existing and future livestock and irrigation wells
- promote farmland preservation as consistent with town plans and zoning
- achieve prompt compliance with all federal and state environmental regulations, including Wisconsin's Groundwater Enforcement Standards and Drinking Water Health Advisories, and discourage exemptions and non-compliance

- prevent contamination of lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, natural springs, and aquatic ecosystems
- prevent the movement of contaminants from soil to groundwater
- prevent potential human exposures to groundwater contaminants through ingestion, inhalation, and dermal contact
- protect and prevent contamination of existing and future municipal water wells, and
- protect groundwater quality by documenting the fate and transport of subsurface contaminants as goals and monitoring compliance with those goals.

Sincerely,

Ronald Lins, Town of Prairie du Sac (RAB co-chair)

Craig J. Hamilton, Town of Merrimac

Laura Olah, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger

Michele Hopp, Village of Merrimac

Judy Ashford, Sauk County Board

Mary Carol Solum, At Large Member

Mary Jane Koch, At Large Member

Bill Wenzel, Village of Prairie du Sac

Ken Lins, At Large Member

Chris Hanson, At Large Member

Charlie Wilhelm, At Large Member

Lance Delaney, At Large Member

Bill Stehling, At Large Member

Earl Cramer, Village of Prairie du Sac - Alternate