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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
JEFFREY R. VONK, DIRECTOR

September 17, 2001

Mr. Richard B. Margulies
2100 Westtown Parkway
Suite 220
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Dear Mr. Margulies:

This letter is to inform you the IDNR has reviewed the Limited Phase II Environmental Assessment submitted by Geotechnical Services Inc, on behalf of the Plain Talk Publishing Co. site located at 511 East 6th Street Des Moines, Iowa.

The IDNR notes detection of metals in soil below state standards except for arsenic, which was detected just above the state standard of 16 mg/kg (for soil 2-10 feet in non-residential soil). Also, noted in groundwater was the detection (below state standard) for barium.

Based on the submitted data, it is the decision of IDNR the nature of the location of the facility and lack of potential receptors, that the risk from the reported contamination at the site does not present a risk to human health or the environment. Therefore, IDNR will not require further assessment.

Please contact me at 1-515-242-5087 if you have any questions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthew Culp".

Matthew Culp
IDNR-WMAD

CC: Stu Schmitz, Contaminated Sites Section
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