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October 31, 2001

Mr. Benjamin Hopkins
Faegre & Benson L.L.P.
400 Capitol Square
400 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-2331

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

This letter is to inform you that IDNR has reviewed the Phase II Environmental Assessment report for the Railroad Property located between 1st and 2nd street, Des Moines, Iowa. Although the IDNR notes the detection of arsenic in excess of the state standard of 1.4 PPM in soil at three feet below grade in boring #1, the IDNR will not require additional assessment.

Please note, however, that because phase II assessments are very limited in scope the department does not consider them to be in depth investigations. As a result, Phase II assessments may not completely characterize conditions at most sites. Therefore, the decision to defer further action at the Railroad Property between 1st and 2nd streets is subject to revision if future investigations of this property reveal a greater level of contamination exists than is currently documented.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Culp".

Matthew Culp
IDNR-Contaminated Sites

CC: Mr. Call Dickinson, Neighborhood Improvement Corporation
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IDNR Field Office #5