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Subject: 315 E Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the submittal of the Limited Site Investigation Report dated September 17, 2010, conducted on the property referenced above.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has reviewed the report for evidence suggesting the existence of a hazardous substance. While contaminants have been found, the DNR has not identified evidence suggesting the likely existence of a hazardous condition.

As noted in the report, the site consists of vacant commercial property which was historically operated as a drycleaner known as Fashion Cleaners. In addition, there was a former auto body repair shop and former pesticide distributor located in the site vicinity. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and total extractable hydrocarbons (TEH) were not detected in soil onsite. Two pesticides were detected in the shallow soil sample B-5 and two semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) were detected in the deep soil sample B-5 but the concentrations detected were below the applicable standards. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected in groundwater sample B-4 at a concentration of 2.5 ug/L which does not exceed the applicable standard of 5 ug/L.

With consideration of the conditions noted above, the Department does not require any follow-up action based on the Phase II findings. This determination should not be construed to be an endorsement by the DNR that a hazardous condition does not exist on the property. Instead, it is a conclusion by the DNR that available information (without regard to the quality or quantity of that information) does not suggest the likely existence of hazardous condition on the property. Furthermore, this determination does not constitute an endorsement by the DNR as to the appropriateness of any proposed use of the property.

Since there are no regulatory requirements for the conduct of Phase I/II Environmental Assessments, the DNR does not approve, reject or otherwise make judgment on the quality or adequacy of Phase I/II Environmental Assessments. Instead the DNR looks at the information provided in a Phase I/II Environmental Assessment in addition to other generally available information about the property (e.g., geology, well location, land use) for evidence of a potential hazardous condition (as defined in 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 131). Hazardous conditions are required to be reported to the DNR (567 IAC Chapter 131).

Feel free to contact me if there are any questions, comments, or concerns at 515-281-4420.

Sincerely,



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