



January 19, 2022

Nugent Revocable Trust  
C/O Joe Nugent  
155 1<sup>st</sup> Street East  
Earlham, Iowa 50072

RE: Environmental Assessment of Commercial Building Property located at 155 1<sup>st</sup> Street East Earlham, Iowa

Dear Mr. Nugent,

Thank you for the submittal of the Phase I (Allender Butzke) and Phase II (ATC) reports for the site investigation conducted on the property referenced above. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Phase I report regarding the history of the property and the soil and groundwater data contained in the Phase II report for evidence suggesting the existence of a hazardous condition. Potential hazardous conditions are required to be reported to the Iowa DNR. The Iowa DNR evaluated the Phase II report along with other generally available information about the property. The Department's review comments for the site are summarized below.

The soil and groundwater at the site was evaluated with three soil borings and testing for metals, volatile organic and hydrocarbon compounds. Analytical results of soil samples detected arsenic above the State screening standards. However, the site is located in a commercial area and the arsenic levels represent a low risk. Lead was also detected in groundwater above the screening standards for a protected groundwater source but is below the standards for a non-protected groundwater source. The status of groundwater (protection) was not determined.

In summary, upon review of the contamination levels reported for soil and groundwater and the low risk for potential environmental impairment or human exposure, it is the determination of the DNR that this site is deferred from further environmental assessment. The decision to defer does not declare the site to be without contamination, nor does it constitute an endorsement as to the appropriate use of the site. If such an endorsement is desired, you might consider enrollment of the site into the Iowa Land Recycling Program.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 1-515-725-8337

Regards,

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