

March 18, 2025

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**Re: United Western Coop (105 and 301 S 1st Street, Dunlap, Iowa 51529)
Contaminated Sites Database Site ID No. 1223
2024 Site Monitoring Report**

Dear Mr. Frahm:

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section (DNR) has reviewed the February 14, 2025 Annual Site Monitoring Report (SMR)([Doc #42341](#)) for the United Western Coop Site located in Dunlap, Iowa. The results of the SMR are consistent with past observations as Nitrate-Nitrite concentrations continue to exceed applicable standards at wells MW1, MW2, MW3, MW5, and MW8R. DNR accepts the report as written with the following comments:

- The text in Section 1.0 Executive Summary states that MW-8D was sampled, but the text in Section 4.0 Field Activities states that MW8D was found to be buried and is likely destroyed. The text in Section 5.3 Recommendations also states that MW8D has been destroyed. Based on the fact that Table 1 presents laboratory detections of Nitrate-Nitrite below applicable standards for both monitoring events conducted during the current time period, it is assumed that the text in Section 4.0 is a typo and MW8D was sampled during the 2024 sampling events. If this is not the case, please elaborate.
- Please note that DNR has moved to a new location. The new address for DNR is: 6200 Park Avenue Suite 200, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.

Additionally, DNR notes that Seneca has continued efforts to work with the new owner in marking the existing wells and replacing those that have been destroyed, but has been unable to obtain access despite verbal indications that Mr. Brasel is willing to allow access. Please continue to work with Mr. Brasel to obtain access and reinstall the wells that have been destroyed as soon as possible. If necessary, DNR can follow up with Mr. Brasel about the documented groundwater contamination on this parcel and assist in acquiring access.

DNR concurs with the recommendations of the SMR continued efforts to reinstall the destroyed wells as well as continued semi-annual groundwater sampling with annual reporting. The next Annual Site Monitoring Report will be due by **January 15, 2026**. If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact me at [\(515\) 415-0889](tel:515-415-0889) or jake.bucklin@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

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