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Attention: Mr. Kenneth Mussell

Dear Mr. Mussell:

Re: Former Meilleur's Esso, Tache Street at Elderberry Bay, Fisher Branch, Manitoba

Further to my letter to you of December 10, 2000, and our telephone conversation of June 26, 2000, this letter is intended to restate Manitoba Conservation's position regarding the above noted site.

As owner of this site, The Contaminated Sites Remediation Act (CSRA) holds you responsible for any further environmental investigation work completed on the site. However, the CSRA is based on the "polluter pays principle" and includes a mechanism to determine the responsibility of the person(s) who caused it.

Manitoba Conservation personnel were in Fisher Branch on May 24, 2000 and attempted to monitor the site at that time. Only three of the existing monitoring wells could be located and one had been damaged and was full of debris or silt. This is a concern to Manitoba Conservation because the inability to monitor the site limits the department's ability to assess the situation.

It is recommended that you retain an environmental consultant to locate and repair all of the existing monitoring wells, or to install new monitoring wells, in order to assess the current status of the site. As the owner of a designated Contaminated Site, it is your responsibility to conduct any additional environmental site investigation work on the site. This work is necessary in order to have the designation removed. Any remedial work to clean up the contamination would have to be completed by the responsible party(ies) as determined through a mechanism prescribed in the CSRA.

Manitoba Conservation would be pleased to assist you, and your consultant, in determining the scope of an environmental investigation on the site such that all of the information necessary is obtained to move the process forward.

Yours truly,

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