



December 3, 2001

Ukrainian Farmers Co-operative Limited  
Box 160  
Fisher Branch MB R0C 0Z0

**Attention: Board of Directors**

Dear Board:

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

This will provide you with an assessment of the status of the above noted site.

It is the understanding of Manitoba Conservation that the owner of the site, Mr. Kenneth Mussell, has passed away. As noted in previous correspondence to Mr. Mussell (attached for your information), the site was designated as a Contaminated Site in February, 1998. The designation was based on the presence of free phase petroleum hydrocarbons on the site. Revocation of the designation requires that further monitoring and/or investigation work be undertaken.

Manitoba Conservation noted in a June 28, 2000 letter to Mr. Mussell that while an attempt had been made to monitor the site by Manitoba Conservation, incomplete data was available due to the condition of the existing monitoring wells. As owner of the site, Mr. Mussell was informed it was his responsibility to conduct any additional environmental site investigation work at the site. It was recommended he retain the services of an environmental consultant to undertake this work.

It is Manitoba Conservation's understanding that the Ukrainian Farmers Co-op has expressed an interest in acquiring ownership of the site. In this event, any additional environmental site investigation work would become the responsibility of the Ukrainian Farmers Co-op. Further, as there is at least one existing underground petroleum storage tank system on the site, responsibilities under Manitoba Regulation 97/88R would also apply.

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Manitoba Conservation would be pleased to assist you in determining the scope of the work necessary to initiate the revocation of the contaminated site designation, and responsibilities under MR 97/88R. Please feel free to contact me at 204 945 7053.

Yours truly,



Randy Webber  
Environment Officer

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attachments