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March 2, 2017

Ray Wright  
Rivernorth Enterprises Inc  
Box 603  
Fisher Branch, MB R0C 0Z0

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Former Meilleur's Esso, Tache Street at Elderberry Bay, Fisher Branch, Manitoba, Lot 6, Plan 9968 NE ¼ 13-24-2 WPM

Manitoba Sustainable Development is currently reviewing files and has identified that the above-noted property (the site) was designated as a *contaminated site* under section 7.1(1) of *The Contaminated Sites Remediation Act*, C.C.S.M, c. C205 (the Act) in February 1998. Rivernorth Enterprises Inc became the registered owner on title in 2004. The file review indicated the following:

- A May 1995 report recommended environmental remediation at the site, including free product recovery from the groundwater at the site, and a review of soil and groundwater contamination.
- An August 1997 Groundwater Monitoring report indicates that phase-separated petroleum hydrocarbons (free product that is visually separate from water) up to 540 mm thick were detected in three groundwater monitoring wells at the site and recommended continued monitoring of these wells and installation of a free product recovery system to ensure the free product, the soluble hydrocarbon plume (fuel that has mixed with water or soil), and the vapour plume do not migrate off-site towards the school to the north.

Manitoba Sustainable Development hereby requests that any information regarding any environmental work or assessment that has been completed at the site since August 1997 be provided to the department as soon as possible. Electronic copies of reports or documents can be submitted to [warren.rosnad@gov.mb.ca](mailto:warren.rosnad@gov.mb.ca), or mailed in hard copy to the address provided in the above letterhead.

Please note that if the work has not been carried out as recommended in the 1995 and 1997 reports, a Director's Order will be issued under 4(1)(a) of the Act that states "*If the director believes on reasonable grounds that a site is contaminated, the director may in writing order,*

*one or more owners or occupiers of the site to conduct a site investigation to determine the existence, nature and extent of the contamination and provide to the director a report, in a form acceptable to the director, of the results of the investigation”.*

In addition to the above, the site file indicates that in a meeting held on October 17, 2003 between Environment Officers from Manitoba Conservation and yourself, you had verbally agreed to remove the existing underground storage tanks (USTs) from the site. A letter dated October 24, 2003 from Manitoba Conservation to yourself, stated that you had until a deadline of June 1, 2004 to remove the existing USTs on the site. To date, the department has no record of these tanks being removed from the site.

Manitoba Sustainable Development hereby requests confirmation that the tanks have been removed from the site is provided to the department.

Please respond to this letter by **March 15, 2017**. Failure to respond to this letter may result in further enforcement action.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Warren Rospad, Contaminated Sites Program Specialist at 204-330-2685 or [warren.rosypad@gov.mb.ca](mailto:warren.rosypad@gov.mb.ca). Please note that electronic submissions are preferred for all documents and correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Braun".

Tracey Braun  
Director

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