



November 12, 1997

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Attention: Mr. Tom Frohlinger

Dear Mr. Frohlinger:

RE: Environmental Site Investigation at 2141 Logan Avenue

In light of the difficulties we are having in reaching each other by telephone and to expedite this process, I am writing this letter to you to explain Manitoba Environment's position regarding the above noted issue.

On August 7, 1997, in response to a complaint from Chisick Metal Ltd., Manitoba Environment attended 2141 Logan Avenue. Chisick Metal employees had apparently been burned after coming into contact with groundwater while excavating near the property line of 2141 Logan and 2185 Logan Avenue.

In response to this complaint, a meeting was held on August 26, 1997 between representatives of North-West Smelting and Manitoba Environment. At that time, a commitment was made to conduct sub-surface investigations off the 2185 Logan property to determine the existence, type and extent of sub-surface contamination. Specifically, it was understood the investigations would be conducted on the 2141 Logan property, subject to approval by the owners.

On August 26, 1997, Manitoba Environment contacted Mr. Cliff Chisick by telephone and requested this approval be granted. This was followed up in writing on August 27. The indication at that time and in a FAX letter dated October 8, 1997 was that approval was indeed granted.

This written approval was provided to Mr. Charles Chappell, representing North-West Smelting with the expectation that sub-surface investigations could be initiated prior to the onset of winter conditions.

Manitoba Environment has since been informed by Mr. Chappell that after meeting with yourself, no further actions would be taken regarding site investigation, due to concerns by yourself.

It should be noted that the actions taken by Manitoba Environment and North-West Smelting from August 7 of this year have been in response to a complaint by Chisick Metal. North-West Smelting have complied with every request made by this department. The window of opportunity for meaningful sub-surface investigations is fast closing.

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Manitoba Environment therefore requests that permission be granted for access by a consultant representing North-West Smelting to the 2141 Logan property for the purpose of conducting a sub-surface environmental investigation. Should permission not be forthcoming, Manitoba Environment will assume that Chisick Metals no longer wishes to pursue this complaint and North-West Smelting will not be required to conduct any additional work at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Randy Webber
Environment Officer

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Mr. Charles Chappell