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Dear Ms. Lein-Shattuck

Per your discussion with Rusty Wilder regarding your company's purchase of property in the vicinity of Nemo SD, I have enclosed a "Draft Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis" for ground water contamination in the vicinity of the Nemo Work Center, dated May 13, 2005.

Table 2, at page 19 of 76, contains a compilation of test data for Ethylene Dibromide (EDB) that we obtained from drinking water wells and monitoring wells at Nemo. The third column in the table contains values of EDB in micrograms per liter as reported by our testing labs. The fourth column contains the Practical Quantitative Limit (PQL), which is the practical limit for measuring EDB for the lab test run on the sample. Values for EDB can not be reported below this limit. We also tested a limited number of samples for Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) and reported those test results in column 5, since EDC was used in leaded gasoline which was historically stored in underground storage tanks in the area. I am also enclosing a separate table containing results obtained from ground testing in May 2005.

The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for EDB in public drinking water supplies has been established by the Environmental Protection Agency at 0.05 micrograms per liter of water. As you can see from our test data for Monitoring Well 12 (MW-12) located on your company's property, EDB has been detected above this threshold on a number of occasions.

Please give Rusty a call at (605) 673-9268 if you would like additional information, or if you would like him to meet with you to discuss this issue in more detail.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brad Exton (for)
CRAIG BOBZIEN
Forest Supervisor

cc: Rusty Wilder

