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Re: Tower Standard Site
14267 State Highway 70 West, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin
WDNR BRRTS #03-64-127899

Dear Mr. Arrázola:

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' position relating to the request for baseline data and the model output associated with residual soil and groundwater contamination at the Tower Standard Site in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

EPA's contractor utilized existing data collected by the responsible party's consultants and contractors for the Lac du Flambeau Tribe to create a three-dimensional model depicting residual contaminant source material and the dissolved phase groundwater contamination plume. It is critical that we have the information available for our technical staff to review for evaluation of proposed monitoring well locations and depths recognizing that the PECFA program will sunset on June 30, 2020.

The Department understands that there are limitations to that data and the model. The information is part of an iterative process to investigate and clean up the site. We would however like to use that information to evaluate the proposed locations and depths of additional monitoring wells at the site. We understand that the Lac du Flambeau Tribe has some concerns over the accuracy of the information and welcome the opportunity to hear those concerns and factor them into the evaluation process. We would however like to evaluate the information and the tribe's concerns as soon as possible so that we can advance the installation of monitoring wells.
We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with both EPA and the Lac du Flambeau Tribe towards the cleanup of the Tower Standard Site.

Please feel free to contact me or members of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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