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December 5, 2022

Margaret Lee  
4945 US HWY 17 N  
Washington, NC 27889

RE: Notice of No Further Action  
15A NCAC 2L .0407(d)  
Risk-based Assessment and Corrective Action for Petroleum Underground Storage Tanks  
Former Smallwood Grocery  
4945 US 17 HWY N  
Washington, Beaufort County, NC  
Incident Number 31587

Dear Ms. Lee:

In May 2006, this site was submitted to the State-Lead Program for assessment of soil and groundwater contamination detected in November 2005 during an environmental investigation and removal of the former UST system. Based upon a review of the historical site information and most recent sampling report, there is an indication of some residual contaminated groundwater and soil that is stable or decreasing in level and not above the applicable standards which would warrant any additional remedial activities. The site was submitted to the North Carolina State-Lead Program due to the financial inability of the former responsible party to conduct the required assessment and/or cleanup.

Based on this information, the UST Section finds it appropriate to classify the risk of the former discharge or release as low and that no further action is warranted for this incident. This determination shall apply unless the UST Section later determines that the discharge or release poses an unacceptable risk or a potentially unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Since the groundwater does not meet "unrestricted use" standards, meaning that contamination remains above the applicable standards, a notice of residual petroleum was placed on the deed for incident 31587 in Book 2122, Pages 896-897 on 11/21/2022, in accordance with General Statutes 143B-279.9 and 143B-279.11. This notice states that no new water supply wells are permitted on the property until it can be shown that the contamination has reached the unrestricted use standards and the property may only be used for industrial/commercial purposes.




Pursuant to 15A NCAC 2L .0407(e), you have a continuing obligation to notify the UST Section of any changes that you know of or should know of, that might affect the level of risk assigned to the discharge or release.

Please be advised that the monitoring wells or injection wells used to investigate or remediate this incident will be closed in accordance with 15A NCAC 2C .0113 and .0114. If you are receiving bottled water or have point of entry treatment systems that were installed by the UST Section, these will be discontinued and removed by the end of the month.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Scott Ryals at 919-707-8168 or by e-mail at [scott.ryals@ncdenr.gov](mailto:scott.ryals@ncdenr.gov).

Sincerely,



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