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VIA EMAIL

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Mr. Matt Thompson
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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RE: Remedial Action Options Report (RAOR) -- 02-37-584785 Riverside Rail Corridor

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Members of Citizens for a Clean Wausau (CCW) recently reviewed the June 2022 Remedial Action Options Report (RAOR) for Riverside Park submitted by REI to the department in which it was stated that soil excavation appears to be the preferred remedial action at this site.

Our understanding is that REI is proposing that all soil be excavated whose testing results have demonstrated exceedances of NR 720 non-industrial direct contact RCLs for dioxins and furans.

If this understanding is correct, we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some community feedback and to express our full support for REI's proposed remedial action of soil excavation at the site.

CCW also wanted to express that 1) we feel that it is important that dust control measures be in place during the course of this excavation (e.g., use of water spraying, wetting) to prevent the transfer of contaminated dust to nearby properties; and that 2) we believe the culvert should not be reinstalled or replaced after the excavation. It appears that, historically, the culvert likely played a role in transporting contaminated storm water into the park and, if the current 3M retention pond to the west truly serves as the culvert's functional replacement, it is unclear why the culvert would be replaced or reinstalled after this excavation occurs.

We are very appreciative and relieved that the extent of this soil contamination has been defined in our public park and will now be thoroughly remediated, should the above remedial action and considerations occur.

Sincerely submitted on behalf of CCW,

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