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Mr. Dow A. Didion, President
Didion Milling, Inc.
501 S. Williams St.
Cambria, WI 53923

Subject: Hazardous Substance Spill, Didion Milling, Inc., 501 S. Williams St., Village of Cambria, Columbia County

Dear Mr. Didion:

It has been brought to our attention that a hazardous substance discharge occurred at Didion Milling, Inc. on or about February 8, 2002. On February 15, Conservation Warden Heather Gottschalk and I met with Glen Sharp at the Cambria facility. We learned that the spill was not reported or cleaned up. Chapter 292, State Statutes, requires immediate notification and prompt clean-up of a hazardous substance discharge (copy of statute enclosed).

Mr. Sharp advised us that the discharge occurred on February 8 and that a total quantity of 20 to 50 gallons of oil was discharged to the ground when an engine piston cylinder failed. Our research implies that with this type of equipment failure, the total quantity of oil involved is expected to be approximately 100 - 150 gallons.

Using absorptive material such as sand, please ensure the discharged engine oil is collected and disposed of properly. Then notify this office when clean-up has occurred, and/or provide tipping receipts from a licensed landfill. It is also important that employees are made aware of the proper reporting and clean-up requirements of Chapter 292. The 24 hour reporting telephone number for hazardous substance discharges is 1 (800) 943-0003.

In the meantime, please direct questions to me at (920) 387-7870.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. John A. Didion, CEO, Johnson Creek
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