

## **MEDIA RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **DIDION MILLING OF CAMBRIA, WISCONSIN ISSUED NOTICES IN PAST**

In the course of investigating the many issues surrounding the Didion Milling Company's (Didion) proposal to expand their present operations within the Village of Cambria to include an ethanol plant, Cambrians for Thoughtful Development (CTD) have uncovered numerous documents, including Notices of Violation issued to Didion by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a warning from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. CTD believe that Didion has established a long history of ignoring environmental and permitting regulations.

- On June 11th, 1993, when they were known as United Maize, Inc., Didion was issued a Notice of Violation for discharge of a pollutant to the waters of the state without a permit, grading in excess of 10,000 square feet of the bank of a navigable waterway, and placement of fill on the bed of a navigable waterway.

- On March 1st, 2000, a Consent Decree was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in order to settle Case No. 99-C-261-C, United States of America v. Didion Milling Company, Inc. Didion agreed to pay a fine of \$ 107,500.00 for environmental violations at their temporary grain storage facility in Prairie du Chein.

- On May 11th, 2001, Didion was once again issued a Notice of Violation for grading in excess of 10,000 square feet of the bank of a navigable waterway without a permit. The grading resulted in the removal of all vegetation along the banks of the North Branch of Duck Creek.

- On July 12th, 2001, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, after conducting an investigation of activities that resulted in the discharge of dredged material into wetlands adjacent to North Branch Duck Creek, issued Didion a formal warning to refrain from any

unauthorized activity in the future.

•On July 23rd, 2002, Didion was issued a Notice of Violation for allegedly exceeding their permitted storage capacities. This resulted in Didion being placed on an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) High Priority Violators List (HPVL). Didion has disputed this Violation but further action may be pending.

A village wide informational meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, December 16th, 2002 in the Cambria-Friesland gymnasium at 7:00 P.M. This meeting will include an invited panel of experts, and there will be microphones available to the public. Cambrians for Thoughtful Development urge all interested people in the Village of Cambria and the surrounding area to attend this meeting.

• CTD have compiled a list of resources and documents at their web site which will be helpful for those seeking more information and varying viewpoints on the many issues surrounding ethanol. The web address is :

**<<http://homepage.mac.com/oscura/ctd/ctd.html>>**

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