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Mr. Andrew Dykema
Dykema Excavators, Incorporated
1730 Three Mile Road, NE
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

Dear Mr. Dykema:

SUBJECT: Compliance Communication - Request for Investigation of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination at Northeast Gravel Company
4800 (4300) Cannonsburg Road, Belmont, Kent County, Michigan (Facility)
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Facility ID No.: 41000048

Northeast Gravel Company operated a licensed landfill on 20 acres at the Facility at the above-listed address from 1966 through 1979. Wastes from industries known to have used PFAS in their processes were deposited into the landfill during its operation. You are aware that the DEQ and Northeast Gravel Company entered into a voluntary Agreement For a Limited Residential Based Remedy (Agreement) on September 4, 1998, to address environmental contamination identified at the Facility, under Michigan's environmental cleanup law, Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The Agreement provides for the implementation of response activities contained in the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) submitted by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber on November 30, 1995, and amended by its letter submitted on April 2, 1996.

The DEQ is investigating environmental contamination associated with PFAS as part of a larger area-wide assessment of the groundwater for PFAS. The investigation indicates that PFAS is present in the groundwater downgradient of the Northeast Gravel Company Facility at 4800 (4300) Cannonsburg Road, Belmont, Michigan. This previously unknown hazardous substance present at the Facility may pose a threat to public health, safety or welfare, or the environment.

Due to the historic deposition of wastes from industries that may have used PFAS compounds at the Facility and the presence of PFAS contamination in drinking water wells downgradient from the Facility, the groundwater in the vicinity of the Facility may pose a threat to public health, safety or welfare, or the environment. Therefore, the DEQ is requesting Northeast Gravel Company investigate for PFAS groundwater contamination at the Facility, and any locations where contamination has emanated from the Facility, and address unacceptable exposures to PFAS contamination. Specifically, the DEQ is requesting that Northeast Gravel Company prepare and submit to the DEQ, for review and approval, a proposed plan including a schedule to determine the nature and extent of PFAS in the groundwater, and to provide an alternate water supply for drinking water wells currently shown to be affected by PFAS contamination emanating from the Facility. The DEQ requests that the plan and schedule be provided to the DEQ within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

The information used to prepare this letter is located at the DEQ, Grand Rapids District Office located at the State Office Building, 5th Floor, 350 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2341. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. John Pawloski, Project Manager, at 616-356-0418 or PawloskiJ@michigan.gov; or Mr. Kevin Schrems, Compliance and Enforcement Section, Case Coordinator, at 517-284-5149 or SchremsK@michigan.gov; or you may contact me at the telephone number listed below. The DEQ looks forward to your cooperation in addressing this need for additional response activities at the Northeast Gravel Company Facility.

Sincerely,



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Grand Rapids District Office
Remediation and Redevelopment Division
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