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May 1, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. D.A Cauble
305 Ore Drive
Salisbury, NC 28144

Re: Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites Priority List
S & S METALS RECYCLING COMPANY
NCD093334969
GOLD HILL, CABARRUS COUNTY

Dear Mr. and Ms. Cauble:

The site listed above has been included on the FY2019-20 Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites Priority List (Priority List). The Priority List is a list of sites where uncontrolled disposal or spills of hazardous substances have been identified.

Why you are receiving this letter: Because you either own or are responsible for the above-identified contaminated site, this letter is being sent to notify you of the site's inclusion on the Priority List as required by law. A copy of the Priority List with each site's rank appearing in the right-hand column is available at: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Waste%20Management/DWM/SF/IHS/SPLForLetter202104.pdf>. The scoring is on a 0 to 100-point scale. Higher scores indicate higher risk to human health and the environment. This list reflects the site's status at the end of the state fiscal year on June 30, 2019. If your site has since received a "No Further Action" determination or has entered our voluntary cleanup program, you may disregard this letter.

Actions required by certain parties: Any person or entity responsible for the contamination that has not already done so is required under North Carolina groundwater quality regulations (15A NCAC 2L) to take immediate action to stop unpermitted discharges and address any hazards posed by the contaminants. If groundwater has become contaminated as a result of the discharge, the responsible party must take immediate action to eliminate the sources of contamination. Failure of a responsible party to take the initial discharge abatement steps required in 15A NCAC 2L may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or other enforcement action against that responsible party.

Disclosure of contamination: For residential sites, owners must notify potential purchasers of contamination at the property as required by the North Carolina Residential Property Disclosure Act. At residential and non-residential sites, a property owner could become responsible for cleanup of the contamination under federal law if they do not disclose the contamination to a buyer. A complete contaminant assessment should be conducted prior to any redevelopment.

How to remove the site from the Priority List: Any responsible party or property owner that would like to complete an approved cleanup of the site would need to participate in the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch's voluntary cleanup program and enter into an administrative agreement with the Branch.



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The first step is to complete a Site Conditions Questionnaire found at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/superfund-section/inactive-hazardous-sites-program> and send it to our office.

State staff will oversee and approve cleanup actions at sites deemed the highest risk. The remainder are managed through a privatized oversight program. The remediating party hires one of the Branch-approved environmental consulting firms to conduct and certify the contaminant assessment and cleanup in place of state oversight. Most of the Branch's voluntary party cleanup actions are being successfully conducted through this privatized cleanup program known as the Registered Environmental Consultant (REC) Program. Regardless of whether State staff or an REC oversees the cleanup action, if certain criteria are met a party can conduct an approved groundwater remedial action to less stringent standards (lower cost) based on site-specific risks.

Benefits of conducting an approved voluntary cleanup action under an Administration Agreement:


- Party is eligible for statutory cap on cleanup costs.
- State/REC approval gives the owner a path toward closure.
- Party has option of lower cost risk-based cleanup standards.
- Site is removed from the Inactive Hazardous Sites Priority List
- Facilitates property transfers as lenders often require state or federal approval of cleanup.
- Proactive work, regardless of responsibility, provides community trust.

Note that if any party is seeking a State Brownfields Agreement for this site, that action does not excuse responsible parties from contaminant cleanup on your property and in contaminated off-property areas. Brownfields Agreements allow for safe reuse of the property being purchased but may not address (1) contamination from the property in off-property areas where exposure has or may occur and (2) the removal or treatment of contaminant sources areas on the Brownfield property. Additional remediation will be required by responsible parties.

For more information on how to proceed:

- If you have any questions regarding this letter or how to conduct cleanup of your property, please contact Collin Day, Western Unit Regional Supervisor at (336) 776-9675, John Walch, Eastern Unit Regional Supervisor at (919) 707-8356 or me at (919) 707-8327. To determine which region your site is located, click on the link called Regional Map at the above web site.
- For information on the privatized approval portion of our voluntary cleanup program, click on the link called Registered Environmental Consultant Program at the above web site or contact Janet Macdonald, Special Projects Unit Supervisor at (919) 707-8349.
- Those interested in reviewing our records can access them online by clicking on Superfund Section File Access at the above web site and following the instructions. You may also contact Scott Ross at (919) 707-8272, if you would like to schedule an appointment to view the files or to request a copy of the Priority List be mailed to you.

Sincerely,



Charlotte V. Jesneck, Head
Inactive Hazardous Site Branch
Superfund Section

