North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Waste Management

Pat McCrory
Governor

Dexter R. Matthews
Director

John E. Skvarla, III
Secretary

March 8, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Garon Sellers
7202 Dallas Cherryville Highway
Cherryville, NC 28021

Re: **NOTICE OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAMINANT ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP**

Sellers Service Station
7202 Dallas Cherryville Highway
Cherryville, Gaston County, NC

Dear Mr. Sellers:

We received a referral from the Underground Storage Tank Section of NCDENR for chlorinated solvents found in shallow groundwater at your site. Depending on the contaminants involved and whether the contaminants have impacted or may impact groundwater quality, you will be required to assess and cleanup the contamination under one or more cleanup authorities. Regulatory oversight for the assessment and cleanup under all applicable authorities will be provided by the Division of Waste Management through its Superfund Section, Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch ("Branch").

Based on information provided to date, the Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act ("IHSRA"), codified under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-310, et seq., applies to your site. In addition, initial immediate actions may be required under 15A NCAC 2L, Groundwater Classifications and Standards.

I. ACTIONS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME:

Complete the Site Cleanup Questionnaire.
To comply with the requirements of State law, a Site Cleanup Questionnaire, available on the website noted at the end of this letter, must be completed and returned to this office. The information you provide will be reviewed along with other information to prioritize the site, so please make certain that the information you provide is complete and accurate. Please note that your failure to inform the Branch of any nearby potable wells or other high risk conditions may adversely affect the Branch's ability to identify this site as a higher-risk site.

610 East Center Avenue, Suite 301, Mooresville, North Carolina 28115
Phone: 704-663-1699 \ FAX: 704-663-6040 \ Internet: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm

An Equal Opportunity \ Affirmative Action Employer

Take Initial Abatement Actions Required Under 15A NCAC 2L.
If you have not already done so, you must take the initial abatement actions required under 15A NCAC 2L. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 2L .0106(b), any person conducting or controlling an activity which results in the discharge of a waste or hazardous substance to the groundwaters of the State, or in proximity thereto, shall take immediate action to terminate and control the discharge, and mitigate any hazards resulting from exposure to the pollutants. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 2L .0106(c), if groundwater standards have been exceeded, you must take immediate action to eliminate the source or sources of contamination. Beyond initial abatement actions, all assessment and remediation will be done through the IHSRA.

II. FUTURE ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP ACTIVITIES:

All correspondence regarding this site should be sent to the Branch. Future assessment and cleanup activities (activities conducted after the initial abatement steps required in 15A NCAC 2L) may be conducted through the Voluntary Cleanup Program (discussed below) or pursuant to an Order issued under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-310.3. In addition, if you choose not to conduct a cleanup through the Voluntary Cleanup Program, the site may be referred to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). If so referred, EPA will screen the site for Federal enforcement action under the Federal Superfund Program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Responsibility, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA").

III. VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM:

Under the IHSRA, persons who move forward to assess and remediate contamination, without being compelled to do so through formal legal action filed against them, are called "volunteers." To participate in the voluntary cleanup program, you will be required to enter into an administrative agreement with the Branch. The voluntary cleanup will proceed through the Registered Environmental Consultant Program or under direct oversight by the Branch Staff, as discussed below:

Agreement to Conduct Assessment and Remediation Through the Registered Environmental Consultant Program.
The Branch has a privatized oversight arm of the voluntary cleanup program known as the Registered Environmental Consultant ("REC") program. Based on the responses provided on the questionnaire (degree of hazard and public interest in the site), the Branch will determine whether a staff person or an REC will perform the oversight and approval of your assessment and cleanup action. Please note that having one or more of the conditions identified on the questionnaire does not necessarily preclude the site for qualifying for an REC-directed cleanup action.

Under the REC program, the volunteer hires an environmental consulting firm, which the State has approved as having met certain qualifications, to implement a cleanup and certify that the work is being performed in compliance with regulations. In other words, the REC's certifications of compliance are in place of direct oversight by the Branch. Details of the REC program can be found at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/ihs/recprogram. If you have any questions specific to the REC Program, including how to participate, please contact the REC Program Manager, Kim Caulk, at (919) 707-8350.

Agreement to Conduct Assessment and Remediation Under State Oversight.
If the Branch determines that the site should be assessed and remediated pursuant to direct State oversight, it will not be eligible for a REC-directed cleanup. Rather, the remedial action will receive direct oversight by Branch staff.

IV. FAILURE TO RESPOND:

If we do not receive a completed questionnaire, the Branch will take further action to prioritize the site without your input. Failure to take the initial abatement steps required in 15A NCAC 2L may result in the assessment of a civil penalty against you. In addition, the Branch may seek an injunction compelling compliance with the initial abatement steps required in 15A NCAC 2L. For future work beyond the initial abatement steps required pursuant to 15A NCAC 2L, a unilateral Order may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-310.3 to compel assessment and cleanup.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE IHSRA AND THE BRANCH:

People are often confused by the name of the Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act and the Branch. By definition, "Inactive Hazardous Sites" are any areas where hazardous substances have come to be located and would include active and inactive facilities and a variety of property types. The term "inactive" simply refers to the fact that cleanup was inactive at large numbers of sites at the time of program enactment. Additional information about the Branch may be found at: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/ihshome.

Submit completed questionnaire to: Trudy Beverly
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch
610 East Center Ave., Suite 301
Mooresville, NC 28115

All documents submitted to the Division in relation to this work must be provided in both paper and in an electronic format designated by the Division (see the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch website located at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/ihshome for current specifications on electronic document submittal).

If you have additional questions about the requirements that apply to your site, please contact me at (704) 663-1699.

Sincerely,

Trudy M. Beverly

Trudy Beverly, LG - Trudy.Beverly@ncdenr.gov
Hydrogeologist, Western Region
NCDENR - Division of Waste Management
Superfund Section - Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch
Mooresville Regional Office

Cc: Flora D'Souza, Shield Engineering, Inc., 4301Taggart Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28208
Debbie Potter, Petroleum World, Inc., P.O. Box 341, Mooresboro, NC 28114

SENDER: *COMPLETE THIS SECTION*

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Garon Sellers
7202 Dallas Cherryville Highway
Cherryville, NC 28021

3-8-13 1HW-TB

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature
X Garon Sellers ☐ Agent ☑ Addressee

B. Received by (*Printed Name*) GARON SELLERS C. Date of Delivery 3-9-13

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type
☑ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
☐ Registered ☑ Return Receipt for Merchandise
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (*Extra Fee*) ☐ Yes

2. Article Number
(*Transfer from servi*) 7007 0710 0005 2882 3145

PS Form 3811, February 2004 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-02-M-1540

7007 0710 0005 2882 3145

U.S. Postal Service™
CERTIFIED MAIL™ RECEIPT
(Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)

For delivery information visit our website at www.usps.com®

OFFICIAL USE

Postage	$
Certified Fee	
Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)	
Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)	
Tot	

MOORESVILLE, NC MAR - 8 2013 Postmark Here USPS

Sent
Stre
or P
City,

Garon Sellers
7202 Dallas Cherryville Highway
Cherryville, NC 28021

1HW-TB

PS Form 3800, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

First-Class Mail
Postage & Fees Paid
USPS
Permit No. G-10

• Sender: Please print your name, address, and ZIP+4 in this box •

DENR DWM
610 E. Center Ave., Ste 301
Mooresville, NC 28115

1H141-TB

RECEIVED
MAR 11 2013
NCDENR MRO HSB

Certified Mail Provides:

- A mailing receipt
- A unique identifier for your mailpiece
- A record of delivery kept by the Postal Service for two years

Important Reminders:

- Certified Mail may ONLY be combined with First-Class Mail® or Priority Mail®.
- Certified Mail is *not* available for any class of international mail.
- NO INSURANCE COVERAGE IS PROVIDED with Certified Mail. For valuables, please consider Insured or Registered Mail.
- For an additional fee, a *Return Receipt* may be requested to provide proof of delivery. To obtain Return Receipt service, please complete and attach a Return Receipt (PS Form 3811) to the article and add applicable postage to cover the fee. Endorse mailpiece "Return Receipt Requested". To receive a fee waiver for a duplicate return receipt, a USPS® postmark on your Certified Mail receipt is required.
- For an additional fee, delivery may be restricted to the addressee or addressee's authorized agent. Advise the clerk or mark the mailpiece with the endorsement *"Restricted Delivery"*.
- If a postmark on the Certified Mail receipt is desired, please present the article at the post office for postmarking. If a postmark on the Certified Mail receipt is not needed, detach and affix label with postage and mail.

IMPORTANT: Save this receipt and present it when making an inquiry.

PS Form 3800, August 2006 *(Reverse)* PSN 7530-02-000-9047