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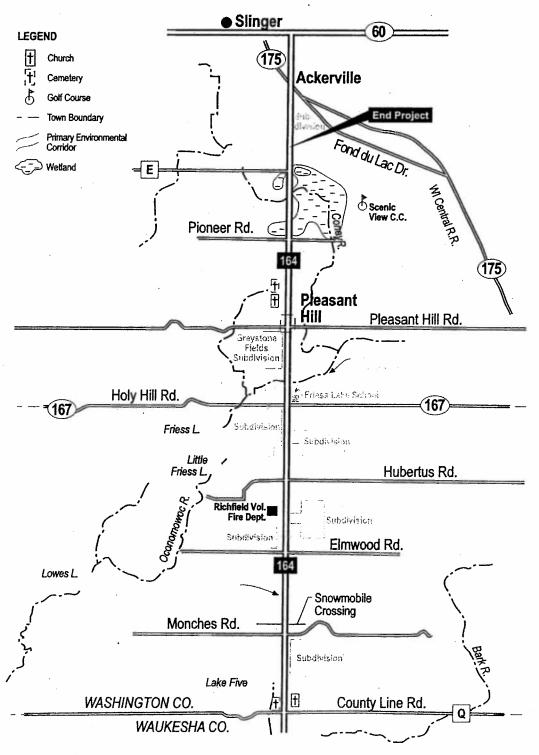
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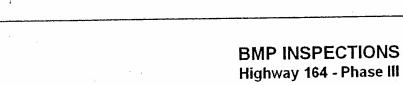


County J Reconstruction Study

1/2 Mi. North of I-94 (Waukesha County) to 1/2 Mi. South of WIS 175 (Washington County)

WIS 164 (County J) Study Area I-94 to WIS 175



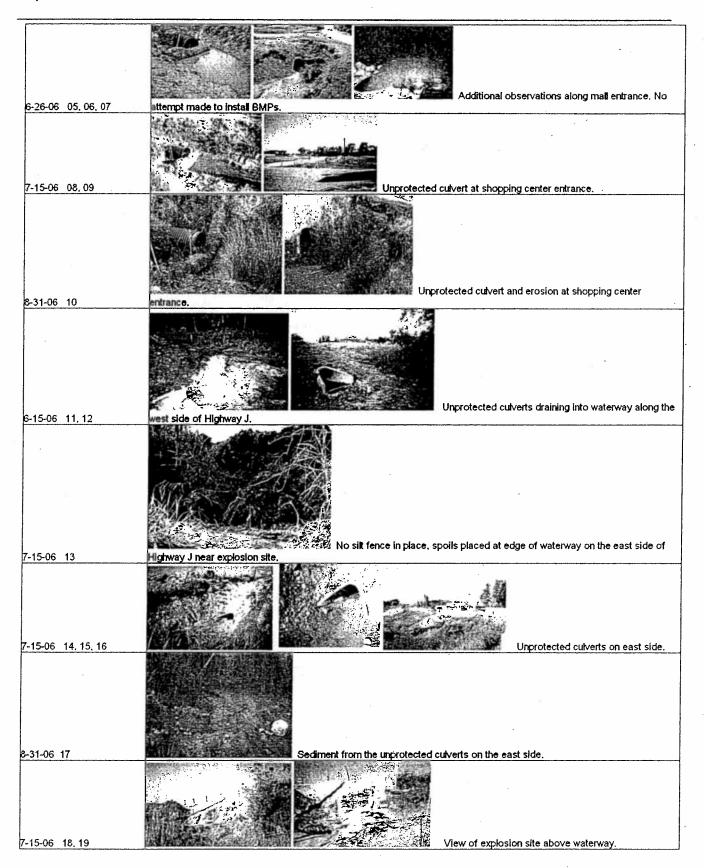


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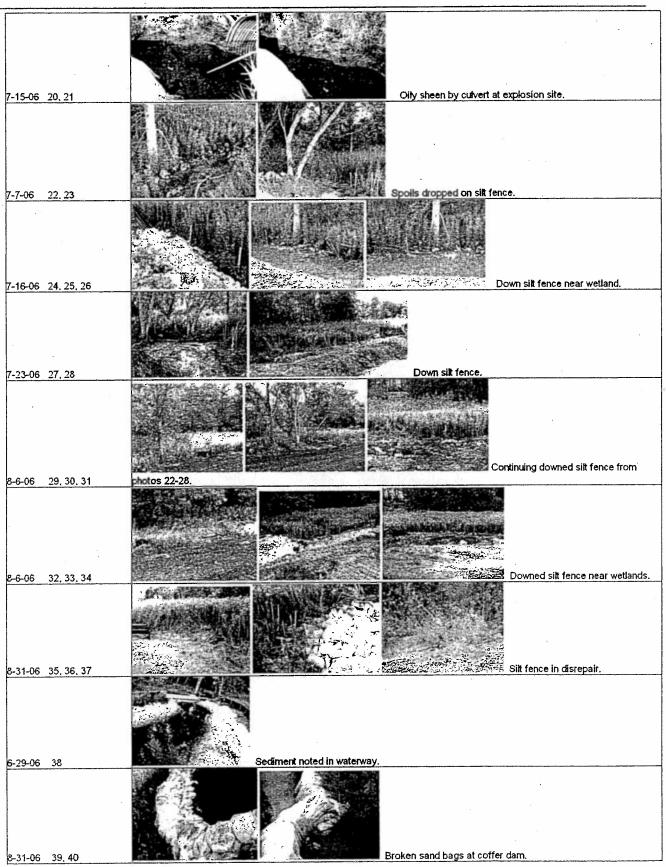
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| East Culvert at shopping center entrance (by Culvers) | For several weeks, noted that culvert is poorly protected; sediment washing into ditch. No stabilization efforts on slopes contributing to erosion. Observed 5/31, 6/26, 7/15, 8/31. Photos 01-10. | |
| Unprotected culvert, west side of Hwy J | On 6/15, two culverts at northern end of the project were not protected; sediment draining into stream that flowed into wetlands. Photos 11 & 12. | |
| 3. Silt fence and spolls | No silt fence or BMPs noted 7/15; spolls piled on a steep slope immediately adjacent to waterway. (On July 25 a silt fence was noted to be installed) Photo 13. | |
| Unprotected culverts, east side of Hwy J | Culverts not protected; sediment washing into ditch. No stabilization efforts on steep slopes contributing to erosion and heavy sediment build up at mouth of culvert, next to wetlands. Observed 7/15 & 8/31. Photos 14-17. | |
| 5. Gas Main Explosion | On 7/6, natural gas line ruptured and nearly 300,000 gallons of water were sprayed on the fire. An oily sheen noted on 7/15 by curvert at explosion site. No significant build up of sediment noted in the waterway, which appeared to have been protected by the existing coffer dam. Photos 18-21. | |
| 6. Silt fence and spoils | On 7/7. Spoils dropped on silt fence near wetland and it is no longer functional. Photos 22 & 23. | |
| 7. Downed silt fence | The silt fence was observed to be ineffective in several spots on multiple site visits. Some spots were ongoing non-compliance issues from dates 7/16, 7/23, 8/6, and 8/31. Photos 24-37. | |
| 8. Coffer damn | On 6/29, the waterway was observed flowing with heavy sediment load resulting in a deep black color. On 8/31, degrading sand bags were found at the coffer dam, causing some release into waterway. Photos 38-40. | |

| Photo Number ID | DESCRIPTION, ORIENTATION, SUBJECT, CONDITIONS, ETC. |
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| 5-31-06 01 | க்க் Slope erosion at shopping center entrance. No attempt to stabilize. |
| 5 51 65 51 | Unprotected culvert next to 164 at shopping center |
| 5-31-06 02.03,04 | entrance and at down gradient culverts, which allowed muddy water to enter wetland. |









Affidavit of

CHARLES N. PETRIE

| STATE OF WISCONSIN |) |
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| |)· ss. |
| COUNTY OF WAUKESHA |) |

CHARLES N. PETRIE, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am an adult resident of the State of Wisconsin living in Waukesha County at 608-G Pewaukee Road. Pewaukee, WI 53072. My telephone number is (262)-408-5300. I am a member of the HIGHWAY J CITIZENS GROUP, U.A. and also a member of its steering committee. I make this affidavit in support of the complaint filed by Cedarburg Science alleging specific violations of federal and state environmental laws, regulations and procedures.
- 2. Attached here as Exhibit "A" are a set of digital photographs which I took on July 16, 2006 along the south-bound shoulder, ditch and wetland areas adjacent to Hwy J/164, and located between maybe 100 to 150 feet north of the junction with Good Hope Rd and stretching southward to where the Bug Line hiking trail is being pathed under the roadway. All of these photographs (numbered 0830, 0831, 0832, 0833, 0844, 0845 & 0849), show the several faults and failures in the silt fence, which was supposed to have been erected and maintained as a stop-block to prevent construction material from invading the natural vegetation filter bed areas.
- 3. Attached here as Exhibit "B" is pair of digital photographs which I took on July 23, 2006 along the southbound shoulder, ditch and wetland areas adjacent to Hwy J/164, and located between maybe 100 to 150 feet north of the junction with Good Hope Rd and stretching southward to where the Bug Line hiking trail is being pathed under the roadway. Photograph 0879 shows the same condition of the silt fence as in photo 0849 on July 16. Photo 0882 shows another area of silt fence failure.
- 4. Attached here as Exhibit "C" are a set of photographs which I took on August 6, 2006 along the southbound shoulder, ditch and wetland areas adjacent to Hwy J/164, and located between maybe 100 to 150 feet north of the junction with Good Hope Rd and stretching southward to where the Bug Line hiking trail is being pathed under the roadway. Photograph 0913 shows the same condition of the silt fence as in photo 0879 on July 23 and photo 0849 on July 16. Photograph 0918 shows the same conditions of the silt fence as in photos 0844 and 0845 on July 16. All of the remaining photographs (numbered 0926, 0929, 0930, 0932 & 0933), show additional faults and failures in the silt fence.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 19 day of 1

Notary Public, State of Wisc

My Commission Expires:

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Exhibit A - Image 0830

Exhibit A - Image 0831





Exhibit A - Image 0833

Exhibit A - Image 0844

Exhibit A - Image 0845



Exhibit B - Image 0879

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Exhibit C - Image 0913

Exhibit C - Image 0918



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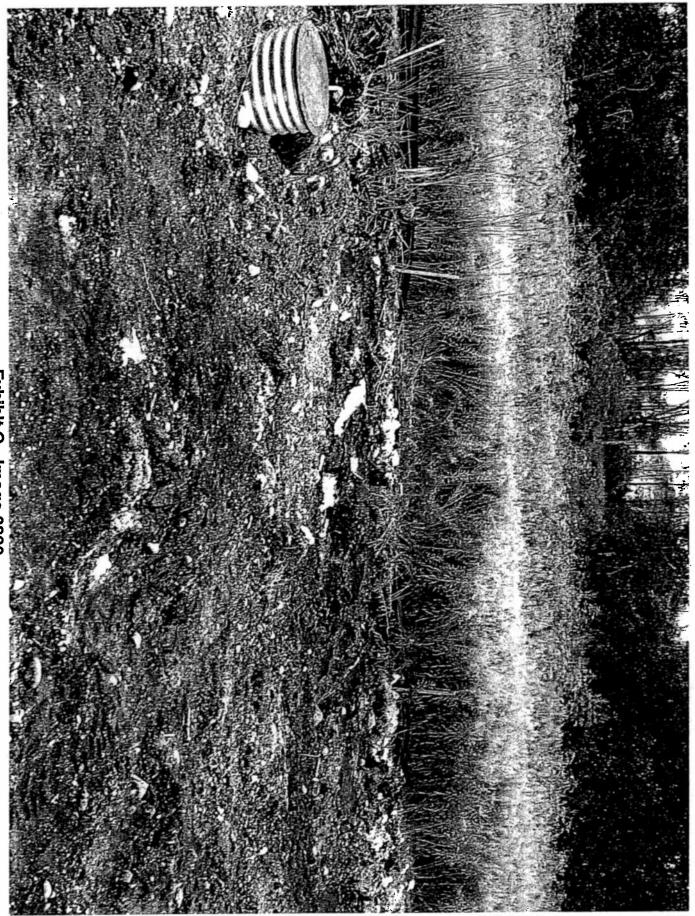


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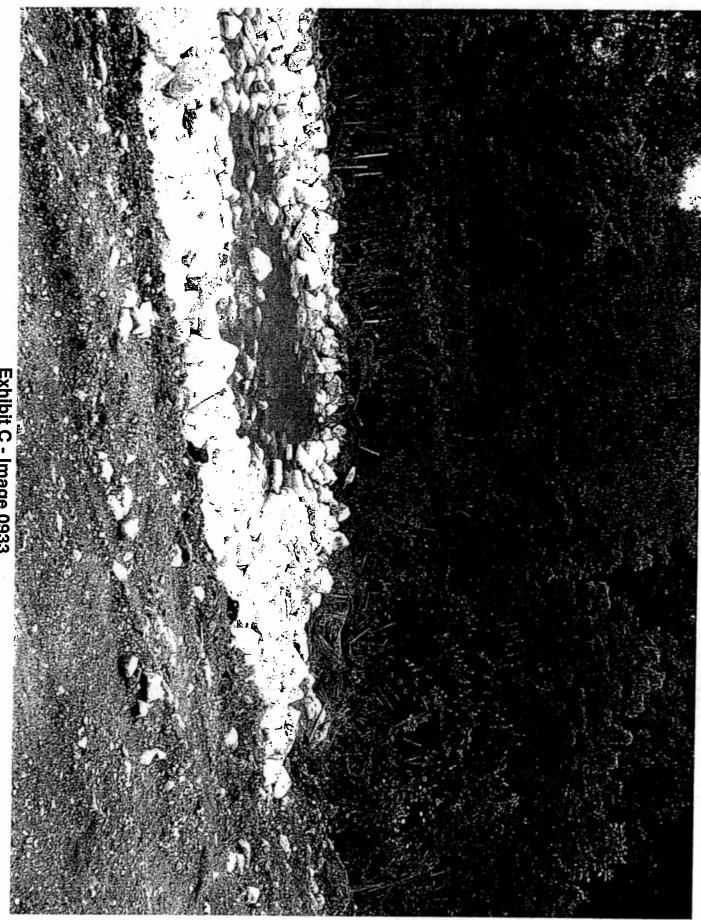


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It just went up in a fireball'

20-foot natural gas flames burn at DOT site

By JUSTIN KERN Freeman Staff

TOWN OF LISBON - Forceful flames from a burst natural gas pipeline Thursday closed part of Highway 164 and scorched a bulldozer as firefighters fought the roadside blaze for seven hours.

A Department of Transportation tractor excavating part of the eastbound road during a widening project inadvertently struck the pipeline, which was known as an active line to contractors, said DOT project manager Bruce Barnes.

Flames consistently reached 20 feet, and vapors from the natural gas were twice that height from the initial explosion at 1:50 p.m. until We Energies officials were able to fully cut the gas supply at about 9 p.

There were no injuries reported by work crews or firefighters and the focused efforts of town of Lisbon and Sussex firefighters went toward soaking a bulldozer next to the open flame to avoid further destruction, town of Lisbon Fire Chief Doug Brahms said.

We Energies spokesman Barry McNulte said the six-inch pipe that was ruptured is a major natural gas carrier to the area, which was the reason for the length of time taken to cut the natural gas supply to the

"In some cases it can take longer, 10 to 12 hours," McNulte said, adding that there were no reports of loss of residential or commercial gas in the area.

Fire raging from the pipe was sometimes so strong that it pushed back water from attacking fire crews. Traffic was diverted for hours on the highway between Highway VV and Hillside Lane, and trains n the nearby Union Pacific Railroad line were slowed during the initial fire fight.

While some DOT work on the roadway might be delayed for clean up efforts, Barnes said the accident

and fire should not set the project behind schedule.

John Huggett operates a dump truck for a company operating from the industrial park adjacent to the accident off Indian Grass Lane, and the explosion kept him from returning home to Kewaskum for nearly two hours. He said he smelled natural gas before the explosion, which he called "huge."

"It just went up in a fireball," Huggett said.

Also unable to leave the area because of the blaze was Oshkosh pickup truck driver John Steiner, who said the ruptured pipe caused a potent scent of natural gas long before the flames were visible.

"I could smell it when I was driving up (Highway) 164. When that Caterpillar (tractor) was burning, it really stunk," Steiner said.

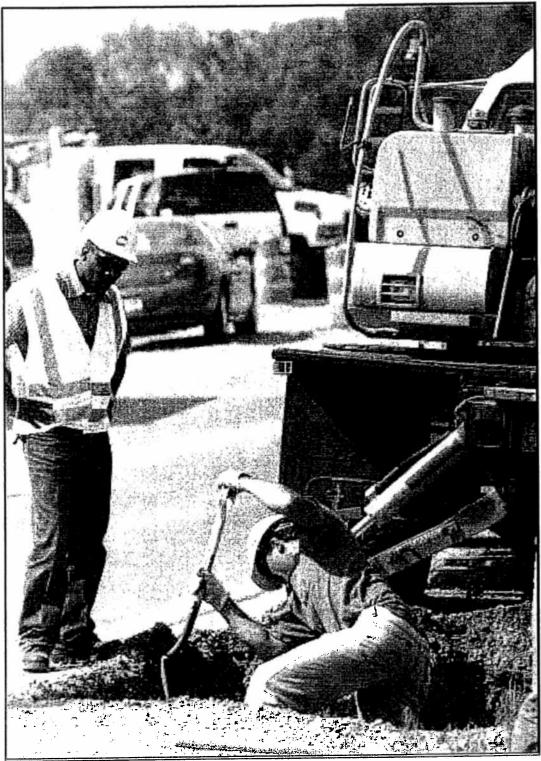


Caleb Vandenberg/Freeman Staff Town of Lisbon and Sussex firefighters, along with We Energies personnel, defend against and monitor a natural gas main fire Thursday about seven hours after it started in a construction zone along Highway 164.

'It just went up in a fireball'



Sussex and town of Lisbon firefighters spray water and wait Thursday for the gas to be shut off at a fire on a broken natural gas main. The fire burned for seven hours in a construction zone along Highway 164 near Hillside Road in the town of Lisbon before gas through the main was shut off.



Caleb Vandenberg/Freeman Staff We Energies personnel dig along Highway 164 on Thursday in an attempt to reach the natural gas main burning nearby in a town of Lisbon construction zone.

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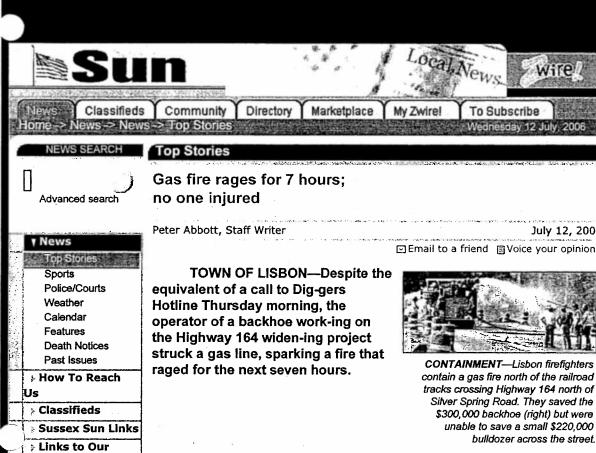
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bulldozer across the street. Lisbon Fire Chief Doug Brahm said his staff received the call at 1:50 p.m. Thursday and responded within minutes. (The Lisbon Firehouse is just blocks from the site of the fire, north of the railroad tracks that cross the highway north of Silver Spring Road.)

According to Brahm, the back-hoe operator left his machine as soon as he realized he had cut into the gas line. Neither he nor anyone else was injured.

Firefighters called We Ener-gies immediately, Brahm said. The fire ignited about 10 minutes later.

While the utility company's crew worked to cap the damaged portion of the pipeline to cut off the fuel feeding the fire, firefighters trained some of their hoses on the backhoe, trying to save the \$300,000 piece of equipment.

"Once we're done with life-sav-ing, we're working for the insur-ance companies," Brahm said.

They were successful, though repairing the back-hoe will cost its owner, Hoffman Con-struction Co. of Black River Falls, about \$15,000, Brahm estimated.

Another piece of construction equipment was not as lucky, however, A small bulldozer on the west side of the highway on the other side of the gas line, worth about \$220,000, Brahm estimated, was destroyed.

Lisbon firefighters also called the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad to stop any trains from coming through because their hoses initially stretched south across the tracks to reach a fire hydrant, tagged for them by Sussex firefighters.

Traffic on Silver Spring was also blocked for about 1-1/2 hours, Brahm said.

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Workers from the railroad also came down to help fire-fighters dig a trench under the tracks for the hoses. By 3:30, they had done so, and the railroad workers remained to slow trains coming through the crossing to a safe speed.

After SM&P Utility Resources located the underground gas line, We Energies workers "had to create and build vaives to shut the gas off," Brahm said.

They finished the job and put out the fire at about 9 p.m. By that time, Lisbon firefighters had used 320,000 gallons of water to keep the gas fire con-tained and save the backhoe.

Service to most of the 200 We Ener-gies custom-ers served by that gas line—except for six homes and 33 busi-nesses—was unin-ter-rupted, according to the com-pany's media relations man-ager, Barry McNulty.

In an interview at the scene of the fire, he said he was told by an SM&P supervisor that Hoffman Construction Co. had com-mu-nicated with his company that morning about the location of the gas lines.

Brahm said he didn't know if the SM&P flags "were in the right place at the right time" or if the backhoe driver had missed them.

"I'm satisfied in saying it was an accident," he said. "Putting blame on anyone is not my role. I expect the insurance inves-ti-gat-ors will try to sort that out."

Calls to Hoffman and SM&P had not been returned as of Monday morning.

The Highway 164 pro-ject's costs and deadlines are not expected to be significantly affected by the fire.

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afternoon and evening in the Town of Lisbon. **LISBON -** A ruptured natural gas line burned for more than seven hours on Thursday

A contractor working near the corner of Highway 164 and Silver Spring Drive accidentally cut the line about 2 p.m.

with the hoses on it, it didn't seem like it was containing it," he said. Richard Durica saw flames shooting 12 to 14 feet into the air. "It was firing up, and even

sprayed on the fire. Firefighters poured water and foam on the flames to keep the fire from spreading and to protect construction equipment near the fire. Some 300,000 gallons of water was

close earry. Fewer than 20 homes and businesses lost gas because of the break. One business did Traffic in the area had to be re-routed while We Energies crews worked to cap the leak.

back on," said Barry McNulty of We Energies. "We will do everything we can to secure the site and make sure they get their service

The gas was finally turned off at 9 p.m. and the fire finally went out.

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July 27, 2006

Gloria McCutcheon
SE Regional Office
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Re: Waterway/wetland impacts of July 6, 2006 fire during Highway 164 Widening Project, Waukesha County, WI

Dear Ms. McCutcheon:

This is a request for copies of public records pursuant to the Wisconsin Public Records law, Section 19.33, Wis. Stats., on behalf of my client, Highway J Citizen Group UA.

I wish to obtain all documents (including notes, reports, memos, correspondence or other writings and emails or other electronic data compilations) relating to a natural gas fire which occurred during work on the highway 164 widening project on July 6, 2006 near the intersection of Highway 164 and Silver Spring Drive in the area of Sussex/Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. The location of the fire was approximately where Sussex Creek is crossed by Highway 164.

This request includes any information about 1) any investigation of the fire; 2) any investigation of impacts or effects of the fire (or of firefighting efforts, erosion, or cleanup or subsequent responses) on Sussex Creek or on wetlands in the vicinity of the fire; 3) any impacts or effects of the fire (or of firefighting efforts, erosion, or cleanup or subsequent responses) on Sussex Creek or on wetlands in the vicinity of the fire; 4) any restorative or reparative measures needed in response to impacts of the fire on Sussex Creek or wetlands in the vicinity of the fire; and 5) any actions of any kind taken by the Wis DOT in response to the fire. This request covers records which may be located in your Waukesha office or in any of your Milwaukee locations.

If you would forward your invoice for photocopying and mailing costs with the documents to my attention at the address below, I will pay those charges by return mail. If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the number below.

I look forward to your prompt response to this request..

Very truly yours,

Dennis M. Grzezinski

cc: Jeffrey M. Gonyo

312 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 210, Milwaukee, WI 53202-4305 Tel. 414 289-9200 Fax 414 289-0664 Email dennisglaw@execpc.com



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August 3, 2006

Attorney Dennis Grzezinski 312 East Wisconsin Avenue Suite 210 Milwaukee, WI 53202-4305

Dear Attorney Grzezinski:

Enclosed you will find the few documents the Department of Natural Resources has regarding the natural gas fire that occurred on July 6, 2006 at the intersection of Highway 164 and Silver Spring Drive. As I mentioned in my conversation, there is only a single page document from our Spills Coordinator, Scott Ferguson and an e-mail message from our Environmental Analysis Specialist Maureen Millman. I have also included the e-mail responses from the other program supervisors to assure you we made a thorough search for any other such documentation.

Should you have a need to inquire about or review any other state records, do not hesitate to contact the Department again. Our file review coordinator is Pamela Kinnie. She can be reached at Pamela.Kinnie@dnr.state.wi.us or 414-263-8536.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Cook

Customer Service Supervisor

414-263-8605

enclosures



Millmann, Maureen

From:

Schmidt, Robert - DTD2 [robert.schmidt@dot.state.wi.us]

Sent:

Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:18 AM

To:

Millmann, Maureen

Subject:

STH 164 @ Sussex Creek

Just for your info, they had a little incident right at the new east leg of Indian Grass Lane last Thursday. The contractor hit a 4" gas line and it started on fire. Dale said the flames were as much as 30' high. A dozer got burned up. The fire department poured alot of water on it. When they were shooting the water on it Dale asked the fire chief if he had a permit for pumping water into the wetland. Ha-ha, such a funny guy. I was out there yesterday and everything looks fine. The stream does not appear to be impacted. I think Dale said the fire burned for about 6 hours. You just never know what's going to happen next!

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July 27, 2006

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St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers
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Dale Pfeiffle US Army Corps of Engineers 1617 East Racine Avenue Waukesha, WI 53186-6875

Re: Highway 164 Widening Project, Waukesha County, WI 2006 work authorized by letter of permission dated 1/27/2006 referencing maps designated 2004-161651-DJP

Dear Mssrs. Whiting and Pfeifle:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 USC Section 552), on behalf of my client, Highway J Citizen Group UA.

I wish to obtain all documents (including notes, reports, memos, correspondence or other writings and emails or other electronic data compilations) relating to a natural gas fire which occurred on July 6, 2006 near the intersection of Highway 164 and Silver Spring Drive in the area of Sussex/Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. The location of the fire was approximately where Sussex Creek is crossed by Highway 164.

This request includes any information about 1) any investigation of the fire; 2) any investigation of impacts or effects of the fire (or of firefighting efforts, erosion, or cleanup or subsequent responses) on Sussex Creek or on wetlands in the vicinity of the fire; 3) any impacts or effects of the fire (or of firefighting efforts, erosion, or cleanup or subsequent responses) on Sussex Creek or on wetlands in the vicinity of the fire; 4) any restorative or reparative measures needed in response to impacts of the fire on Sussex Creek or wetlands in the vicinity of the fire; and 5) any actions of any kind taken by the US ACOE in response to the fire.

This request covers records maintained in your Waukesha field office as well as in your district office in St. Paul. As you know, the FOIA requires you to reduce or waive search and/or copying fees when release of the requested information would be "in the public interest." I believe that this request plainly fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive such fees.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the number below.

As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, I will anticipate receiving a reply within ten working days.

Very truly yours,

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