



Indiana Brownfields Program
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Re: City of Wabash, Wabash County
Spouseep I
55 Water Street, Wabash, IN
Indiana Brownfields Program

Dear Mr. Zoll:

This letter is to serve as the Indiana Brownfields Program's ("Program") formal request for a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act review by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology for the property located at 55 Water Street, Wabash, Wabash County. The Program is the recipient of a federal Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant for environmental remediation awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As a condition of use of the federal funds, the Program must ensure a review is conducted to determine the potential applicability of the National Historic Preservation Act to the Site. The federal funds will be used to remediate environmental impacts at the Site, including removing surface soil contamination. The Program is currently using the federal Brownfields grant to address six (6) sites through a Rapid RLF Remediation Sub-grant Initiative ("Initiative"). Due to the pace of this Initiative, the Remediation Work Plan (RWP) has not yet been prepared, but will be submitted as an addendum to this letter, if needed, once the bidding is completed and the environmental contractor has been selected. This letter is to initiate the review process due to the number of sites the Program is submitting for review for this Initiative.


Federal Funding Source: The City of Wabash plans to enter into a sub-grant agreement with the Program and will use federal funds to remediate environmental impacts identified on the Site. A site map is included with this letter as "Exhibit A" for your reference and review. (The Remediation Work Plan will be forwarded at soon as it is received and approved, if needed.)



Site Background: The Site is located at 55 Water Street, Wabash Indiana. It is the location of the former Abe Sposeep & Sons, Inc. scrap yard/recycling center, which ceased operating in 2003. The Site has been vacant since 2004. A vacant three-story 13,000 square foot building circa 1890 remains on the property. Also remaining is a concrete driveway and unpaved storage yard. The past use of the Site was a recycling facility with three underground storage tanks; the recycling operations were active from 1926 to 1930 by Abe Sposeep & Sons, Inc. The Site is contaminated with metals, polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and PCBs in soil and ground water. The detected levels of contaminants are above IDEM's Remediation Closure Guide residential and industrial direct contact screening levels, as well as the residential tap groundwater screening levels. Although the RWP has not been prepared, there have been several environmental reports prepared for the Site including: 2012 Phase I, 2013 Phase II, and a 2013 Hazardous Materials Assessment. The work to be performed with the federal funding with this Initiative will include surface and subsurface soil removal of contaminated material around the existing structure. No demolition is planned at this time.

Historical Status of Site: The Site is not listed on State or National Registries
Sources of Historical Information: Indiana DNR SHAARED Database/Indiana Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map

Thank you for your assistance with the Section 106 review process. In order to facilitate the appropriate review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Program requests that all correspondence from your office to the Program be copied to Patricia Polston, Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., BB-7J, Chicago, IL 60604. Please feel free to contact me at (317) 234-6018 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Program Counsel

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cc: *via electronic transmission*
Patricia Polston, U.S. EPA

Exhibit A



NOTE:
DRAWING INFORMATION TAKEN FROM GOOGLE EARTH PRO
AND PROPERTY RECONNAISSANCE

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APPROXIMATE PROPERTY BOUNDARY



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PROPERTY FEATURES DIAGRAM
PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT
55 WATER STREET
WABASH, INDIANA

No.	Revised Date

Figure No. 2

Spouse I Site