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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Dave Latchana
Wolverine World Wide, Inc.
9341 Courtland Drive, NE
Rockford, Michigan 49351

Dear Mr. Latchana:

SUBJECT: Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (WWW) PFAS Response
Identification and Investigation of Reported Disposal Areas
Various Locations, Kent County, Michigan

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received information indicating that WWW disposed of waste materials potentially contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at multiple locations in Kent County. The DEQ is requesting that WWW take measures to mitigate potential public health risks and assess these sites by performing the following response activities:

1. Sample and analyze drinking water at all potential receptor locations;
2. Provide an alternative water source to property owner/tenants where sampling has occurred; and
3. Provide the DEQ with a Work Plan for a remedial investigation and proposed remedy for managing WWW-generated waste material by November 20, 2017. (Where there are physical remnants of dumping, a geophysical survey of property with Electromagnetic and Ground Penetrating Radar may be necessary to fully assess the extent of the potentially buried waste on the property.)

The locations the DEQ is requiring response activities in this letter fall into two general categories: Sites that have been investigated and physical remnants suggest WWW dumping; or Sites where the DEQ has received information from property owners indicating that WWW waste has been historically disposed of on the property, but no physical remnants are present. Further information regarding these sites is provided below.

Sites with Physical Remnants of Dumping:

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>Site Information</u>
12 Mile and White Pine Trail	Southwest corner of the 12 Mile and White Pine Trail Intersection	Former Rockford City Dump
Rogue River Park	Belshire Avenue NE	Drums located in pond
Jewell Avenue	Jewell Avenue NE	Drum and leather scraps
House Street	House Street	Drum remnants
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House Street	House Street	Drums remnants
Pine Island Drive	Pine Island Drive	Drum remnants

Sites of Reported Lime Waste Used as Soil Amendment for Farms:

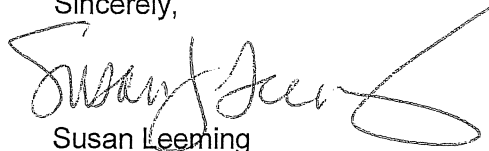
<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>Site Information</u>
██████ Jewell Farm	██████ Jewell Avenue NE	Waste used for farming
Former Cooper Farm	██████ 10 Mile Road NE Windstone Drive NE Stoneridge Drive NE	Waste used for farming in 1950-60's
Former Cooper Farm II	████████████████████ Algoma Avenue NE	Waste used for farming in 1950-60's
Former Cooper Farm III	████████████████████ 10 Mile NE	Waste used for farming in 1950-60's
Former Lamoreaux Farm	██████ 10 Mile NE	Waste used for farming in 1950-60's

Please note that as the DEQ continues to receive and validate the available information, additional dump sites may be identified and further follow-up from WWW may be requested.

Also note, pursuant to our November 2, 2017, project coordination meeting with GZA and WWW, the DEQ requested that a Work Plan for the remedial investigation of the Jewell Street locations be submitted by November 6, 2017; the DEQ received the Work Plan on November 6, 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this request, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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