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Dear Neighbor,

We have continued our work on the environmental remediation project at the Fire Technology Center (FTC) despite the inherent challenges at this time caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have a number of updates we want to share with you:

***Submission of comprehensive Site Investigation Report***

In May, we submitted a 1,000-page report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) that detailed the work we have done to investigate the contamination. There are a number of important findings detailed in this report, including:

- The majority of water containing PFAS from the FTC is treated prior to leaving the property, as PFAS runoff only flows through one of Tyco's five ditches, Ditch A. We installed a treatment system at the ditch in January 2019.
- PFOA and PFOS readings at Ditches C and E are below the WDNR's surface water quality guidelines.
- Most groundwater below the FTC generally flows eastward, which is why we installed the treatment system at Ditch B to address the flow of PFAS toward Green Bay.

***Resumption of biosolids testing***

As you may recall, we temporarily suspended this testing in March due to the Governor's "Safer at Home" order and COVID-19-related health concerns. Now that the "Safer at Home" order has lifted, we have started testing the 73 remaining wells near the fields where biosolids from the Marinette and Peshtigo Wastewater Treatment Facilities were previously spread.

We are taking a number of enhanced safety precautions to protect the health of residents and our people. We will now take samples from outdoor spigots rather than inside residences whenever possible. In situations requiring us to enter residences to conduct testing, we have developed enhanced protocols to maintain social distancing and limit direct contact within the home.

***Taking additional steps in the Southern Boundary area***

We have offered to take additional steps in collaboration with the WDNR to help identify the sources of PFAS in the areas south and west of the FTC. Multiple lines of evidence, including the geography of the area, demonstrate that any PFAS in this part of the community is not related to Tyco, the FTC or our firefighting foam. Therefore, we have declined the WDNR's request that we test an additional 500 wells in an expanded Southern Boundary area.

As the WDNR has previously acknowledged, PFAS comes from many different sources, some of which can be found in the Marinette area, such as paper mills, as well as consumer products like carpeting, nonstick cookware, dental floss and fast food packaging. These products make their way into landfills and septic fields, and from there into the environment. This means there are many other responsible parties for the contamination in this area, none of which the WDNR has identified.

Under Wisconsin state law, the WDNR is required to identify and address the sources of PFAS in this area, and until the agency does so, there can never be a solution in place that fully protects residents.

### ***Collection of foam at ditch locations***

In late April, we agreed to monitor, collect and remove foam at three locations at Ditches B and C after consulting with the WDNR. We moved quickly to get the booms in place, and have been monitoring these locations every day since April 30. Since then, we have removed seven gallons of foam, which are currently being stored off-site and will be analyzed to ensure it is properly disposed.

We have also recently agreed to take several additional actions to monitor and, where necessary, collect and analyze foam at Ditches A, B, C, D and E:

- We will continue to maintain the booms we previously placed at Ditches B and C, as well as continue to monitor and collect foam at these locations.
- We also agreed to place similar booms at Ditches A, D and E as soon as possible.
- As we have at Ditches B and C, we will conduct daily inspections and collect foam at Ditches A, D and E prior to its proper disposal.
- We will begin sampling water downstream from the treatment systems at Ditches A and B by the end of July. This is a number of weeks earlier than originally planned.

However, we will not take a small number of additional actions the WDNR has requested of us, as the other locations the agency identified – the Little River and a ditch at the southwest corner of Leaf and Krause Roads – are far outside the investigation area and there is no data to support that they are impacted by Tyco or firefighting foam.

### ***Our response to WDNR's April 23 non-compliance letter***

We have asked the WDNR to retract its April 23 letter to the company regarding the levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in sampled water at Ditch A, as well as upgrades of the treatment system at that location. These carbons are not a type of PFAS. The WDNR has been aware for some time that the perceived exceedances cited in its letter were simply an inadvertent calculation error and not actual exceedances. We corrected the mistaken data in writing to the agency twice, once in December 2019 and again in February 2020. Both corrections to the WDNR were made months before we received this letter.

If you have additional questions or feedback to share, you can reach us at (800) 314-1381 or (715) 582-7100.

Thank you,



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