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Honorable Fred Clark  
Member of Wisconsin State Legislature  
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Dear Representative Clark:

Thank you for your inquiry into the determination of soil cleanup levels deemed protective of all citizens who may visit the site of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) for future recreational purposes. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has regulatory oversight of the cleanup and reuse of the former BAAP site, but has solicited input from the Department of Health Services (DHS) at many steps along the way to ensure the protection of public health, both on-site and off-site. DHS has also been invited to attend numerous public meetings to address the public health concerns of individuals living near the former BAAP site and explain the underlying rationale behind our determinations and recommendations.

The master planning process for the former BAAP site is still ongoing and no final determinations have been made regarding future uses. At this stage, soil remediation goals have been based on conservative, but realistic, recreational and occupational exposure scenarios. DHS will continue to work closely with DNR to evaluate potential uses and ensure the protection of public health. Included with this letter are our responses to your questions. Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen D. McKeown".

Karen D. McKeown, RN, MSN  
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