



**DIVISION OF
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Bobbilynn Koepke, PG
Program Manager
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RE: Notice of LAST Case Closure
[formerly] Highway 65 Country Store
16508 HWY 65 S
Damascus, AR 72039
LAST #71-0021 ID #71001635 AFIN: 71-00204
Cost Code: #27011 Contract #4600045598

Dear Ms. Koepke:

On June 11, 2015, the Office of Land Resources – Regulated Storage Tanks (OLR) received a notice of a suspected release at the referenced facility during the course of a Phase II environmental investigation; the release was confirmed on June 16, 2015. The responsible party for the release, Luxmi International Inc., was either unable or unwilling to adequately respond to the Department's requests for environmental responses as required by 40 CFR Part 280, Subpart F, and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation No. 12. Therefore, "state lead" action was authorized in October 2018, and Environmental Works, Inc. was contracted to perform environmental work on behalf of the department in October 2020.

On November 20, 2023, we received from you, on our behalf, a *Monitoring Well Decommissioning Report*, satisfactorily completing activities approved by the Office of Land Resources (OLR) on October 25, 2023. The reported activities conclude the required responses to the referenced petroleum release in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated 8-7-807(a), the U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended, and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act of 1949, as amended; therefore, Leaking Aboveground Storage Tank (LAST) case #71-0021 is hereby closed with a determination of "no further action" at this time.

However, due to a known release having impacted soil and groundwater at the referenced facility, land users are advised against consumption of groundwater in the contaminated area, and it is recommended that if a current or a future owner of the referenced site uses the property for other than commercial or industrial purposes, a human health risk assessment should be performed during the planning stages of the project.

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I would like to express our appreciation to you and the EWI team for your services as our on-call contractor.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



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