



Missouri  
Department of  
Natural Resources

January 18, 2012

Dear *[property owner]*,

I write to request permission to collect surface soil samples from the yard at *[street address]* in Festus. County Tax Assessor records list you as the owner of this property. Your property is adjacent to or near the Shapiro Brothers, Inc. salvage yard located at 9<sup>th</sup> and Delmar. We are conducting an investigation at this salvage yard and would like to sample your yard to determine whether operations at the facility may have resulted in contamination of the surrounding area. The sampling will be conducted at no cost to you, and the results will be provided to you upon completion.

The sampling of your property would involve collecting several tablespoons of surface soil from various areas of your yard for laboratory analysis. The sampling typically takes less than one hour. If you have water well (please indicate so on the enclosed form), we would also like to collect a water sample from a spigot nearest the well. You are welcome to be present during sampling, but your presence is not required. A webpage has been set up containing information about our investigation at <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/sfund/shapiro.htm>

Enclosed is a form for giving the DNR permission to conduct the sampling. We plan to begin sampling the week of *[insert date]* weather permitting. ***If you would like us to sample your yard, please indicate your permission on the enclosed form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope by February \_\_.***

I look forward to working with you and other nearby property owners on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Stroh, the project manager at the Department of Natural Resources, Hazardous Waste Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, by phone at (573) 522-9902 or 1-800-361-4827 or by email at [Michael.stroh@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:Michael.stroh@dnr.mo.gov) or me at (573) 751-1087 or email at [julieann.warren@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:julieann.warren@dnr.mo.gov).

Sincerely,

HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julieann Warren".

Julieann Warren, Chief  
Site Assessment Unit  
Superfund Section

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Enclosures