



December 17, 2019

Joshua Cappaert
N 124 W 13900 Lovers Lane
Germantown, WI 53022

RE: Water Quality Act Violation [CVID 21901]

Dear Mr. Cappaert:

On December 9, 2019, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a report of an incident that resulted in your pickup truck entering the Gallatin River on Highway 191 near Mile Marker 71 in Gallatin County, Montana. It was unknown at the time of the report if any automotive fluids entered the river.

Due to the nature of the incident, no further cleanup activities will be required by DEQ. However, because automotive fluids may have entered the river, I am sending this letter to inform you that the potential release would constitute a violation of the Water Quality Act, which states:

- It is unlawful to place or cause to be placed any wastes where they will cause pollution of any state waters. *See* Section 75-5-605(1)(c), Montana Code Annotated (MCA). State waters is defined as a body of water, irrigation system, or drainage system, either surface or underground. *See* Section 75-5-103(34), MCA.

DEQ is closing the spill file for this incident. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Rasmann".

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