



April 21, 2026

Mr. Jonathon Deeter
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Land Quality – Voluntary Remediation Program
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1101
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Rick-A-Jay Cleaners
904 North Fares
Evansville, Indiana
Fourth Quarter 2025 Groundwater Monitoring Report Response Letter
IDEM VRP Site No. 6130302

Dear Mr. Deeter,

Environmental Management Consultants LLC. (EMC) is responding to *Fourth Quarter Groundwater Monitoring Report Comment Letter* dated April 17, 2026. The EMC responses to the IDEM comments are in italics below.

It is unclear which report these comments are in reference to. The IDEM letter refers to both vapor and groundwater sampling. EMC submitted a Vapor Investigation Report Summer 2025 dated November 18, 2025, and Mr. Deeter stated in an email dated January 12, 2026, that he was currently in review of the Vapor Investigation Report 2025 (VFC# 83895446) that was submitted on November 18, 2025. EMC never received an IDEM letter reviewing the Vapor Investigation report. Based on previous data and IDEM comments EMC has already completed a Winter Vapor Investigation sampling event. This sampling event was completed in accordance with the recommendations made in the Vapor Investigation Report Summer 2025 which included the sampling of SG-7 and SG-11. Results of this sampling event will be documented in an upcoming report.

1. Due to the concentration level of PCE seen at SG-7 (1,110 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), the following soil gas ports must be included in a regular quarterly soil gas sampling plan: SG-6, SG-8, SG-10, SG-15 and SG-16 to aid in delineation and characterization.

EMC has previously sampled these soil gas wells, and they have been previously screened out. Soil gas wells SG-6 and SG-8 were screened out as part of the Winter 2022 VI Investigation. IDEM agreed to this in a letter dated August 22, 2022. Soil gas well SG-15 was screened out as part of the Summer 2023 VI Investigation. IDEM agreed to this in a letter dated February 21, 2024. Soil gas wells SG-10 and SG-16 were screened out as part of the Winter 2025 VI Investigation, IDEM agreed to this in a letter dated July 8, 2025. The concentration at SG-7 is similar to previously detected seasonal concentrations. This is consistent with previous summer sampling concentrations 1,290 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ was identified during the summer 2024 sampling event. No additional delineation was requested at that time. Based on the previously collected data, EMC does not plan to complete additional sampling at the soil gas wells.



2.) Due to the concentration level of PCE seen at SG-7 and its proximity to the 907 N. Fares Property (Bob's Lounge) directly to the northeast, IDEM recommends resuming annual vapor sampling at Bob's Lounge so long as it remains occupied.

EMC has previously screened out the indoor air within the Bob's Lounge building. IDEM agreed to this in a letter dated July 8, 2025. EMC does not plan to complete additional vapor sampling within the Bob's Lounge building. Furthermore, the Bob's Lounge building is currently unoccupied.

Please note that EMC has previously requested access to complete additional sub-slab and soil gas sampling on the Bob's Lounge property. The current owner, Ms. Linda Williams has not allowed EMC to complete the proposed sampling. Furthermore, on December 19, 2017 a Special Notice Letter was issued by IDEM to Linda R. and Daniel A. Williams III after investigation of contamination at Rick-A-Jays supported the possibility of a potential release at Bob's Lounge.

3.) EMC states to stop sewer gas sampling as requested by IDEM. While IDEM would be agreeable to this, the current PCE concentration remains high in SG-7. If it is high by the next sampling quarter, then the northeast sewer will need to be sampled.

EMC has sampled the sewer vapor 13 times and no VOC concentrations have exceeded the Commercial Published Levels and the final four sampling events were below the laboratory reporting limits. IDEM agreed to the cessation of sewer vapor sampling in a letter dated July 8, 2025. EMC does not plan to complete additional sampling within the sewers.

4.) EMC states that they will continue quarterly groundwater monitoring sampling events for characterization of post-remediation plume behavior. IDEM agrees with this plan, but needs to include MW-14, MW-14D, MW-15, MW-15D and MW-20 due to increased concentrations and mobility of vinyl chloride (VC).

EMC requested a reduction in the number of monitoring wells being sampled in the Third Quarter 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Report, dated December 15, 2022. The IDEM agreed to the reduction in an e-mail dated January 23, 2023. EMC does not believe that additional sampling within MW-14, MW-14D, MW-15, MW-15D and MW-20 is necessary at this time. Statistically significant increasing concentrations of VC have not been identified within MW-5, MW-6, MW-7, or MW-16. These monitoring wells are all closer to the excavation/injection area. If increasing VC concentrations are identified within these wells EMC will consider sampling additional monitoring wells.

Respectfully Submitted,

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