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AG Kaul Announces \$100,000 Settlement with Paul Bugar Trucking Inc., and Paul J. Bugar for Alleged Water Pollution Violations

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul today announced a \$100,000 settlement with Paul Bugar Trucking, Inc. and owner Paul J. Bugar. The settlement resolves a civil environmental enforcement action alleging violations of a Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the company's non-metallic mining operations in Clark County, Wisconsin.

"Companies entrusted with WPDES permits must uphold their obligations under those permits," said Attorney General Kaul. "When those obligations aren't met, Wisconsin DOJ is prepared to act to ensure that clean water is protected."

The State's Complaint alleges five total violations related to discharges from one of the company's mining pits. One of the violations is for allegedly failing to collect representative water samples for testing prior to discharging; one is for allegedly failing to treat wastewater before discharging; one is for allegedly exceeding pollution discharge limitations; one is for allegedly failing to submit annual inspection reports; and one is for allegedly failing to conduct sampling of the wastewater for oil, grease, and phosphorus pollutants.

The proposed agreement requires the company to pay a total of \$100,000 in forfeitures, surcharges, court costs, and attorney fees. The Order for Judgment was signed by Clark County Circuit Court Judge Lyndsey Brunette on November 21, 2023.

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approved the proposed resolution on October 18, 2023.

Assistant Attorney General Zachary B. Corrigan represented the State and worked closely with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to obtain this result.