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Dear Mr. Smale,

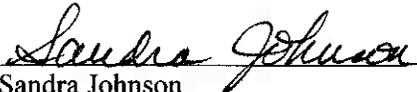
The Esmeralda County Commissioners request your assistance in assessing a piece of property in Esmeralda County for potential hazardous material. The property is located Northwest of Tonopah at the boundary between Nye and Esmeralda Counties. This property is known as the Lambertucci Roma Trailer Park and appears on our tax rolls as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 106-531-04.

Esmeralda County plans to clean up this privately owned property. Based on all the junk and clutter located on the property, a decision was made by the Commissioners to declare this property a nuisance. However, enforcement of that decision through litigation has been held in abeyance so as not to interfere with the sale of the property inasmuch as the present owners have now listed it with a realtor. It is hoped that if a sale went through quickly, the new owners would promptly clean up the property, on their own, in preparation for whatever use they might wish to make of their purchase.

In thinking things through, the Commissioners have also become concerned with the potential liability accruing from any hazardous waste that might have been dumped there. If they go ahead with litigating enforcement, place a lien on the property for the clean-up and litigation costs, and then end up taking the property for the failure of the owners to pay the lien; then the County could wind up with the property. That could be problematic because if there are hidden toxic wastes on the property, then it might be deemed a toxic waste site and the costs of cleaning it up would fall to the County. Also, nearby residents of Nye and Esmeralda Counties may be at risk, if there are toxic wastes located at the old trailer park. Therefore, before rushing into a clean-up and the litigation involved therein, the Commissioners want to know if there's anything toxic located on the site. Accordingly, The Commissioners request that your office do an environmental assessment of the Lambertucci Roma Trailer Park before any clean-up work begins.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Best regards,


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