

LETTER HEAD AND YOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Date: [October 16, 2012](#)

[Name and Address Information of the owner](#)

**Declaration of Chemical Investigation Site/Public Nuisance
RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 10 DAYS**

The property at [INSERT PROPERTY ADDRESS](#) has been declared a Chemical Investigation Site /Public Health Nuisance, based on evidence provided by law enforcement authorities that the property was the site of a clandestine drug lab for the production of methamphetamine, an illegal substance. The, affected portions of the property are: [LIST AFFECTED PORTIONS OR WHOLE PROPERTY](#). These objects/areas have been posted with a notice of this declaration. A facsimile of the notice is attached.

The declaration is authorized by [Crow Wing County's Cleanup of Clandestine Drug Lab Sites Ordinance No. 0401](#) and Minnesota Statute §145A.04.

**The County Ordinance requires you to do the following
within the next ten business days:**

- 1) Arrange for the affected structures [INSERT PROPERTY ADDRESS](#) to be vacated and/or to remain vacant. This vacancy order remains in effect until the affected structures have been cleaned and tested for chemical contamination.
- 2) Arrange for cleaning and chemical testing for methamphetamine. The specific activities listed below must be conducted or supervised by an environmental services contractor (a list of some contractors who can perform this type of work is at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/meth/lab/contractors.html>). Contract with an environmental services contractor to do the following:
 - a) Conduct an assessment of the situation,
 - b) Determine the extent of contamination,
 - c) Carry out and/or direct remediation operations,
 - d) Perform and/or direct follow-up sampling and testing, and
 - e) Determine that the risks are sufficiently reduced, according to Minnesota Department Of Health guidelines, to allow renewed occupancy of the dwelling or structure.
- 3) Notify [Crow Wing County Community Services Health Division](#), in writing, by [October 29, 2012](#) that the arrangements described in 1) and 2) above have been made. Include a copy of the proposed cleanup plan provided by your contractor.

- 4) If there is a well or septic system on this property, contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for guidance on checking these systems. The number is 1-800-657-3864.

Once the cleaning firm completes its work and determines that contamination has been reduced to an acceptable level, the Public Health Nuisance Order will be lifted and the structure can be occupied again.

If you cannot complete the above arrangements within ten days:

Contact Crow Wing County Community Services Health Division to seek an extension. You will need to show good cause why you need more time to make the arrangements. Any extension will depend on your assurance that the property will remain vacant until this matter is resolved. Extensions shall be granted at the discretion of the Crow Wing County Community Services Health Division Authority. The Health Division Authority shall provide written notification to the Crow Wing County Board of Health that such an extension has been filed and the reasons for the extension if granted.

Please check with your insurance company about possible coverage for assessment, cleanup, and damages. Reportedly, such coverage has been made available for people whose policies include "all perils" and/or when the damage is due to the actions of others.

The County is taking this action to protect occupants of the structure from harm due to hazardous chemicals. When chemicals are spilled or heated, they collect on surfaces and are given off as vapors. Chemical exposures occur when people breathe in these vapors, or absorb chemicals through the skin after touching contaminated surfaces. At high enough levels, or at low levels over time, exposure results in chemical poisoning-to which children are especially susceptible.

If you have questions, please call [Gwen Anderson, Crow Wing County Community Services Health Division, at 218-824-1077](tel:218-824-1077).

Copies to: [Crow Wing County Community Services Child Protection Unit](#)
[Crow Wing County Sheriff](#)
[Brainerd Police Department](#)
[Minnesota Department of Health](#)
[Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(fax\)](#)
[Brainerd City Administrator's Office](#)
[Crow Wing County Attorney](#)
[Crow Wing County Land Department](#)
[Crow Wing County Administrator](#)
[Crow Wing County Commissioner](#)