

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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March 25, 2021

Robert Thode, President Fire Mountain Farms, Inc. 856 Burnt Ridge Road Onalaska, WA 98570

## **Re: Big Hanaford Closure Approval**

Dear Robert Thode:

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) approved Emerald Kalama Chemical, LLC (Emerald) and Fire Mountain Farms, Inc.'s (FMF) Final Closure Plan on August 14, 2020. The Final Closure Plan outlined the closure requirements applicable to FMF's Big Hanaford location.

Emerald and FMF submitted the Final Closure Report for the Big Hanaford location on February 24, 2021 to Ecology. After Ecology provided comments on the Final Closure Report, Emerald and FMF submitted an updated Final Closure Report on March 16, 2021. Personnel from Ecology and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services visited the Big Hanaford location on March 19, 2021 to inspect the site.

After reviewing the updated Final Closure Report and inspecting the Big Hanaford location, Ecology concludes that Emerald and FMF have met the closure requirements of the Final Closure Plan for the Big Hanaford location. In accordance with the Agreement for Conditional Compliance dated June 2016 (Agreement) among Ecology, Emerald, and FMF, Ecology concludes that Emerald and FMF have met the requirements of Administrative Order No. 10938 dated September 11, 2014 for the Big Hanaford location.

According to the Agreement Section III.A.4.b.4, should FMF elect to use the Big Hanaford structure after removal of dangerous waste and decontamination is completed, FMF shall be solely responsible for such subsequent use and Emerald shall have no responsibility for such subsequent use.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Lyon at peter.lyon@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Laure J. Davies

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