



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 8, 2011

Frenchies Fill-N-Food
c/o Mr. Jay LaCoursiere
108 E. Moxee Ave
PO Box 326
Moxee, WA 98936

Re: Notice of Potential Liability under the Model Toxics Control Act for the Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Hazardous Waste Site:

- Name: Frenchies Fill-N-Food
- Address: 108 E. Moxee Ave, Moxee, WA
- Parcel Number(s): 191201-42011
- Facility/Site ID No.: 72493319
- Site Cleanup No.: 6570

Dear Mr LaCoursiere:

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), chapter 70.105D RCW, which governs the cleanup of hazardous waste sites in Washington State, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) may identify persons that it finds are liable for the release of hazardous substances at a site. Before making such a finding, Ecology must provide persons with notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed finding. Any person whom Ecology finds, based on credible evidence, to be liable is known as a "potentially liable person" or "PLP".

Proposed Finding of Liability

Based on credible evidence, Ecology is proposing to find Jay LaCoursiere liable under RCW 70.105D.040 for the release of hazardous substances at the Jay LaCoursiere (Frenchies Feed-N-Fill) (Site). This proposed finding is based on the following evidence:

1. According to the Yakima County Assessor website (http://yes.co.yakima.wa.us/Assessor/parcel_details.aspx?id=57505), Jay LaCoursiere is listed as the owner of the property;
2. Petroleum hydrocarbon soil contamination is present onsite. A January 14, 1994 notification of tank removal and contaminated soil removal confirmed the presence of soil contamination.



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3. Petroleum concentrations in soil exceeds MTCA Method A Cleanup levels.

Opportunity to Respond to Proposed Finding of Liability

In response to Ecology's proposed finding of liability, you may either:

1. Accept your status as a PLP without admitting liability and expedite the process through a voluntary waiver of your right to comment. This may be accomplished by signing and returning the enclosed form or by sending a letter containing similar information to Ecology;
2. Challenge your status as a PLP by submitting written comments to Ecology within thirty (30) calendar days of the date you receive this letter; or
3. Choose not to comment on your status as a PLP.

Please submit your waiver or written comments to the following address:

Norman Hepner
CRO- Toxics Cleanup Program
15 W. Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902

After reviewing any comments submitted or after 30 days if no response has been received, Ecology will make a final determination regarding your status as a PLP and provide you with written notice of that determination.

Identification of Other Potentially Liable Persons

If you are aware of any other persons who may be liable for the release of hazardous substances at the Site, Ecology encourages you to provide us with their identities and the reason you believe they are liable. Ecology also suggests you contact these other persons to discuss how you can jointly work together to most efficiently clean up the Site.

Responsibility and Scope of Potential Liability

Please note that Ecology may either conduct or require PLPs to conduct remedial actions to investigate and clean up the release of hazardous substances at a site. PLPs are encouraged to initiate discussions and negotiations with Ecology and the Office of the Attorney General that may lead to an agreement on the remedial action to be conducted.

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Please also note that each liable person is strictly liable, jointly and severally, for all remedial action costs and for all natural resource damages resulting from the release of hazardous substances at a site. If Ecology incurs remedial action costs in connection with the investigation or cleanup of real property and those costs are not reimbursed, then Ecology has the authority under RCW 70.105D.055 to file a lien against that real property to recover those costs.

Next Steps in Cleanup Process

In response to the release of hazardous substances at the Site, Ecology intends to conduct the following actions under MTCA:

1. Ecology intends to have a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) conducted at this site to better characterize the contamination on and off the site. This will be used to develop, evaluate, and conduct cleanup actions that are necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

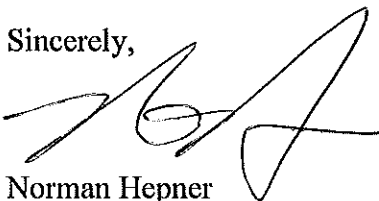
For a description of the process for cleaning up a hazardous waste site under MTCA, please refer to the enclosed fact sheet.

Ecology's policy is to work cooperatively with PLPs to accomplish the prompt and effective cleanup of hazardous waste sites. Please note that your cooperation in planning or conducting remedial actions at the Site is not an admission of guilt or liability.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this letter or if you would like additional information regarding the cleanup of hazardous waste sites, please call me at 509-457-7127. Thank you for your cooperation.

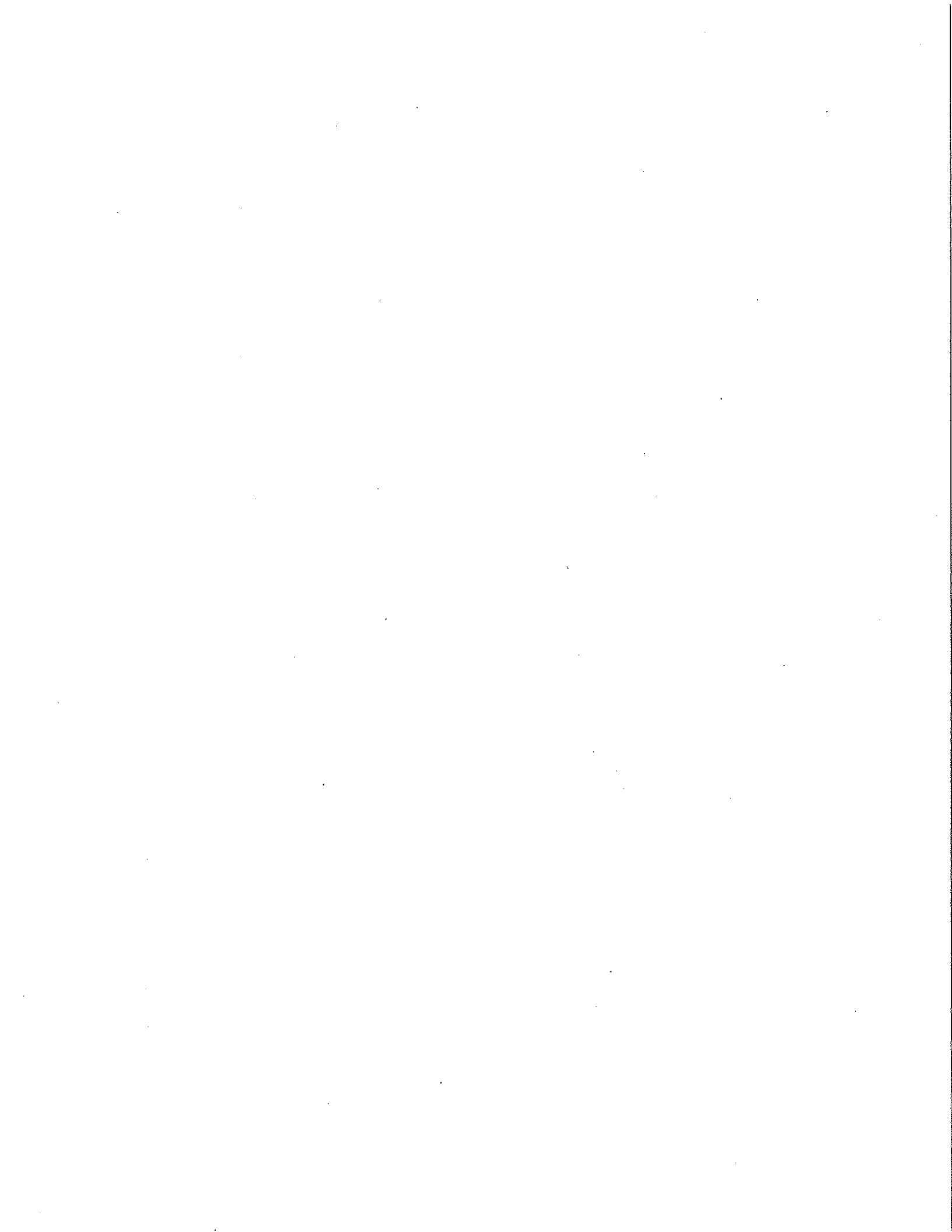
Sincerely,



Norman Hepner
CRO Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosures: 2

By certified mail: 7009 2250 0004 4951 2086



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Pursuant to WAC 173-340-500 and WAC 173-340-520(1)(b)(i), I _____, a duly authorized representative of _____, do hereby waive the right to the thirty- (30) day notice and comment period described in WAC 173-340-500(3) and accept status of _____ as a Potentially Liable Person at the following site:

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By waiving this right, _____ makes no admission of liability.

Signature

Date

Relationship to the Site: _____
(i.e., owner or operator)