Department Decision Recommendation

RE:

ERTS #:	649459	Site Name:	Kenneth Sasse Property
Facility/Site ID#:	1804	Site Address:	277 A Haygood Cutoff Road
Cleanup Site ID #:	11805	City:	Tonasket
		County:	Okanogan

In keeping with the requirement of WAC 173-340-310 (5) I recommend: this site receive a No Further Action because a release of a hazardous substance has occurred but in the department's judgment, does not pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Supporting Criteria:

In June 2014, an anonymous caller stated that the property owner was performing a gravel mining operation without a permit. The Sasse's attorney stated that he had sent a permit application. Heavy oil contamination in the soil at the property was previously revealed. Under the permit conditions, the presence of oil contamination requires that the Permitee clean up the source and report actions taken to Ecology. It is unknown if the area of contamination coincided with the gravel mining area or whether any surface water conveyances connected the area of contamination to the surface mining area.

In July 2014, their attorney withdrew the application and inquired about a permit exemption or a temporary permit for less than 90 days/year. At a minimum, the issuance of a permit from the Water Quality Section requires that the property owner manage petroleum products onsite and prevent pollution of surface water or groundwater. A subsequent permit application was never submitted. The assumption is that the gravel surface mining activities ceased.

Per the NFA letter issued by TCP in June 2019, the soil contamination was cleaned up in 2011 and confirmational soil samples in 2017 showed that the applicable Method A soil cleanup levels were attained. Therefore, no further action is necessary under the Model Toxics Control Act.

This Department Decision Recommendation should be reviewed and re-evaluated based on any new information about this site.

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