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Ms. Carol Johnston
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Southwest Region
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WA State Department
of Ecology (SWRO)

Re: Response to Request for Information on Status Letter
2523 Pacific Texaco Shell
2523 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, Washington
VCP No.: SW0710
(F/S No. 47212644)

Dear Ms. Johnston,

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA), on behalf of Shell Oil Products US (SOPUS), has prepared this letter in response to the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Request for Information on Status of VCP Project letter (status letter) dated October 26, 2011 associated with the independent cleanup of the former Shell-branded service station located at 2523 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington (Site).

The Site is currently owned by Sound Transit, and is undergoing redevelopment as a light rail station. Due to this redevelopment, SOPUS has not had the opportunity to perform additional site work, and will reassess Site conditions and the need for additional cleanup once Sound Transit has completed construction activities.

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Ecology specifically requested a Cleanup Status Report, reports documenting the cleanup, and a plan and schedule for completing the cleanup. Planning and scheduling future Site environmental activities is dependent upon Sound Transit's construction schedule. SOPUS will reinitiate site evaluation once Sound Transit has completed redevelopment.

SOPUS desires to maintain the active Site status within the VCP. Though reassessment is not feasible at this time, a reassessment of Site conditions will be conducted based upon the redevelopment at the Site.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact the undersigned at 425-563-6511.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Richardson', written over a horizontal line.

Brian Richardson, LG

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cc: Perry Pineda, SOPUS

Johnston, Carol (ECY)

From: Johnston, Carol (ECY)
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 1:22 PM
To: 'Richardson, Brian'
Subject: RE: SW0710: 2523 Pacific Texaco Shell, 2523 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington ~COR-241860~

Hi Brian,

Thanks for the follow up. I'll make a note on the data base and put this email in the file.

Hope you have a wonderful holiday,

Carol

From: Richardson, Brian [mailto:brichardson@craworld.com]
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2011 1:12 PM
To: Johnston, Carol (ECY)
Cc: perry.pineda@shell.com; Project Email Hold
Subject: SW0710: 2523 Pacific Texaco Shell, 2523 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington ~COR-241860~

Good Afternoon Carol,

I am sending a quick follow up to our phone conversation today regarding the subject site. CRA is preparing a letter response on behalf of Shell Oil to the Ecology letter requesting information and status of cleanup at SW0710. Based upon the recent receipt of the letter and upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the response may not meet the 30 day deadline stated in the letter. Based upon our verbal commitment to respond, we understand that the site status with the VCP will remain open. You may expect the letter response in the very near future.

Regards,

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