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July 12, 2021

Paul Ecker
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Re: Termination of VCP Agreement for the following Site:

- **Site Name:** Zip Market & Gas
- **Site Address:** 10645 16th Ave SW, Seattle WA 98146
- **Facility/Site No.:** 18113426
- **Cleanup Site No.:** 8195
- **VCP Project No.:** NW2585

Dear Paul Ecker:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is terminating the VCP Agreement governing Project No. NW2585. The project involved the cleanup of the Zip Market & Gas facility (Site). The effective date of termination is the date of this letter. We are providing this notice in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Reason

Ecology is terminating the Agreement because we understand that you are not actively cleaning up the Site. On January 14, 2021, we sent you a letter requesting an update on the status of your cleanup and your plan for completing the cleanup. You responded with a letter dated January 22, 2021, noting that a proposal for additional vapor intrusion was pending. The follow up email to you from Ecology dated February 16, 2021 stated that retention of the Site in the VCP was contingent upon confirmation to Ecology of vapor intrusion investigation initiation by April 15, 2021. This confirmation was not received by Ecology; therefore, we have decided to terminate the Agreement.

Next Steps

Based on this decision, Ecology may take one or more of the following steps:

1. Send you an invoice for any costs remaining on your account. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, you remain responsible for any costs incurred by us before the effective date of termination.
2. Conduct a site hazard assessment (SHA) and rank the Site for further action.
3. Identify those persons we find potentially liable for cleanup of the Site.
4. Initiate discussions for an agreed order or consent decree that will govern further action at the Site.

You may apply to enter the PLIA (Pollution Liability Insurance Agency) Petroleum Technical Assistance Program if you decide to conduct further action at the Site (see <https://plia.wa.gov/ptap/>).

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me by phone at (206) 594-0113 or by email at louise.bardy@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Louise Bardy
VCP Unit Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

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