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July 12, 2021

Town of Eatonville
The Honorable Mayor Mike Schaub
PO Box 309
Eatonville WA 98328

**Re: Final Determination of Potential Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances
at the following Contaminated Site:**

- **Site Name:** Eatonville Landfill
- **Site Address:** 42928 State Route 7 E, Eatonville, Pierce County, WA 98328
- **Town of Eatonville Address:** PO Box 309, Eatonville, WA 98328
- **Facility/Site ID:** 85933
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 15271
- **County Assessor's Parcel Number:** 0416201007

Dear Mayor Schaub:

On June 23, 2021, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that the Town of Eatonville is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Eatonville Landfill facility (Site). On June 28, 2021, Ecology received your written notice accepting your status as a PLP for the Site and waiving your opportunity to comment.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that the Town of Eatonville is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that the Town of Eatonville is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70A.305.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations.

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Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the the Town of Eatonville to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site.

Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70A.305.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in chapter 70A.305 RCW, and chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Craig Rankine, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Craig Rankine at (360) 216-9394 or craig.rankine@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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