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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
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July 15, 2021

Rich Reathaford  
Daybreak Youth Services  
960 East Third Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99202

**Re: Early Notice Letter Regarding a Release of Hazardous Substances:**

- **Site Name:** Daybreak Youth Services
- **Address:** 960 East Third Avenue, Spokane
- **Facility/Site ID:** 47615
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 15436

Dear Rich Reathaford,

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a report, dated July 8, 2021, about potential contamination from hazardous substances. We have investigated the release, or threatened release, of hazardous substances to identify impacts to human health and the environment, as required under Chapter 70A.305 RCW.<sup>1</sup>

Ecology maintains a database of known or suspected contaminated sites that will need remedial actions to meet requirements established under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA),<sup>2</sup> Chapter 70A.305 RCW and 173-340 WAC.<sup>3</sup> This state law sets the requirements necessary to clean up contaminated sites that can threaten human health and the environment.

During the investigation, Ecology determined that contamination exists at your site. As a result, we added this property to our database as a state cleanup site that will need cleanup pursuant to MTCA requirements.

Ecology assigned Cleanup Site Identification Number (CSID No.) 15436 to your site. You can find site information and electronic records for this site on Ecology's Cleanup Site Search page<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>

<sup>3</sup> <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340>

<sup>4</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/SiteSearchPage.aspx>

This letter or inclusion in our database of state cleanup sites does not mean that Ecology has made a determination about potential liability for cleanup under MTCA. Ecology's policy is to work cooperatively with individuals to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups.

### **Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program**

Apply to the Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to receive technical assistance or a written opinion on independent cleanup action you can take (also known as "independent remedial action"). Contact Ted Uecker at 509-342-5564 or [ted.uecker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ted.uecker@ecy.wa.gov), for more information on the VCP, including guidance documents to help you conduct an independent cleanup.<sup>5</sup> More information is available at [ecology.wa.gov/vcp](http://ecology.wa.gov/vcp).

Your cooperation in planning or conducting independent remedial action is not an admission of guilt or liability. All independent remedial actions must follow the requirements of state laws. Completing an independent remedial action without meeting MTCA requirements may lead to additional cleanup work or formal oversight by Ecology.

Ecology likely will require a more detailed investigation in the future, if an independent remedial action does not occur on this property. Investigation typically consists of additional testing for contamination, including soil and groundwater sampling.

Enclosed is the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation Focus Sheet.<sup>6</sup> For questions regarding this letter or for copies of the MTCA regulations and statute, please contact Sara Fulton at 509-319-0047 or [sara.fulton@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sara.fulton@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Kathleen Falconer  
Section Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program, Eastern Regional Office

Enclosure: Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation Focus Sheet

cc: Sara Fulton, Ecology

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<sup>5</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/vcp](http://ecology.wa.gov/vcp)

<sup>6</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/FTC94129.html>