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August 16, 2021

Brett Cowman
Halco Properties LLC
P.O. Box 512
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(brett@systemthree.com)

Re: Termination of VCP Agreement for the following Site:

• Site Name: Cowman Campbell Paints

• Site Address: 5221 Ballard Avenue NW, Seattle, WA

Facility/Site No.: 30774595
VCP Project No.: NW3030
Cleanup Site ID No.: 8651

## Dear Brett Cowman:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is terminating the VCP Agreement governing Project No. NW3030. The project involved the cleanup of the **Cowman Campbell Paints** 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. The most recent submittal and opinion letter for this Site were in 2017. On July 15, 2021, we sent you a letter requesting an update on the status of your cleanup and your plan for completing the cleanup. Charles Lie of Terra Associates responded by letter and e-mail on July 22, 2021 which included work planned for 2021 and a request to review a groundwater monitoring report submitted over a year ago. Because the Site is not undergoing active remediation and only groundwater monitoring is occurring at this time, we have decided to terminate the Agreement. You may apply to reenter the VCP if you decide to conduct further action at the Site or when groundwater monitoring is complete and the Site is ready for a final agency determination.

## **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.

### **Contact Information**

Thank you for all your efforts so far to remediate this Site. Ecology is committed to working with you to accomplish the prompt and effective cleanup of the Site. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me by phone at (206) 594-0113 or by email at <a href="mailto:louise.bardy@ecy.wa.gov">louise.bardy@ecy.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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VCP Unit Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

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cc: Charles Lie, Terra Associates, Inc., (clie@terra-associates.com)

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