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Sally Temple
C/O Temple Distributing
808 South Columbus Avenue
Goldendale, WA 98620

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances

- Site Name: Temple Distributing / Carson Oil
- Site Address: 808 South Columbus Avenue, Goldendale
- Facility/Site ID No.: 95474961
- Cleanup Site ID No.: 11985

Dear Ms. Temple:

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation. The results of our investigation are detailed below:

On February 29, 2012, approximately 970 gallons of gasoline were spilled onto the soils at the Temple Distributing property. The spill was due to the overfilling on an above ground storage tank (AST). Much of the spill was contained within the berm area beneath the AST, but the gasoline quickly infiltrated into the gravel and soils within the berm area. Groundwater at this site is quite shallow, with depths to groundwater ranging from 2.36 feet below ground surface (bgs) to 6.33 feet bgs.

In April 2012, approximately 415 tons of petroleum-impacted soils were excavated and disposed of in a landfill. Subsequent confirmation soil samples revealed the presence of petroleum-impacted soils exceeding Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A Cleanup Levels remaining in the excavation pit, with concentrations of gasoline range organics as high as 3,080 mg/kg and benzene concentrations up to 36 mg/kg. The MTCA Method A Cleanup Level for gasoline in soils is 30 mg/kg when benzene is also present, and 0.03 mg/kg for benzene itself in soils.

Four groundwater monitoring wells were installed on the property in April of 2102. Groundwater sampling revealed concentrations of gasoline range organics in groundwater as



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high as 14,500 ug/L and benzene concentrations up to 1,250 ug/L. The MTCA Method A Cleanup Level for gasoline in groundwater is 800 ug/L when benzene is also present, and 5 ug/L for benzene itself in groundwater.

Under MTCA, Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is made available to the public upon request and online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cscs/CSCSpaage.HTM>. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this database because soil and groundwater are contaminated at the site.

Please note that inclusion in the database does **not** mean that Ecology has made a determination regarding the identification of any potentially liable person(s) under the Model Toxics Control Act (administered under Chapter 173-340 WAC).

It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) requires a report of independent actions. To the extent known, the report shall include:

1. identification and location of the hazardous substance(s)
2. circumstances of the release and discovery
3. remedial actions planned, completed, or underway

More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. For a description of the process for cleaning up a site under MTCA, please refer to the enclosed fact sheet.

If you would like Ecology to review the independent cleanup actions conducted and determine if the site warrants **no further action**, you are encouraged to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Information about the Voluntary Cleanup Program is available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>, or you may contact Frosti Smith, CRO VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7841.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7840.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Monahan".

Mary Monahan
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosure

By certified mail: 7009 2250 0004 4950 6627