

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 27, 2021

Luke McKean-Attorney 700 East Olive Avenue Moses Lake, WA 98837

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

• **Site Name:** Truman Property

• Latitude/Longitude: 46.82425/-119.18417

• Parcel Number: 2529040120001

Facility/Site ID: 62023Cleanup Site ID: 15461

Dear Luke McKean,

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a report, dated August 16, 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.¹

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),² Chapter 70A.305 RCW and 173-340 WAC.³ 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.) 15461 to your site. You can find site information and electronic records for this site on Ecology's Cleanup Site Search page⁴.

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

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

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

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

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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, for more information on the VCP, including guidance documents to help you conduct an independent cleanup.⁵ More information is available at 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.⁶ 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.

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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⁵ ecology.wa.gov/vcp

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