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March 17, 1998

Ms. Heidi Rosenberg
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Dear Heidi:

Thank you for submitting the results of your independent remedial action(s) for review by the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing this administrative option under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has reviewed the following information regarding the former Carborundum Silicon Carbide Plant site facility located on Port of Vancouver property at 2101 West 16th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660; the former Carborundum Ponds B and G located on Port of Vancouver property at 2101 West 16th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660; and the Port of Vancouver Carborundum Fill site located on Port of Vancouver property at 3309 Northwest lower River Road, Vancouver Washington 98660:

- The Standard Oil Company Technical Service Response No. 5427, October 7, 1984.
- The Standard Oil Company Technical Service Response No. 5554, Project 1196-02, Vancouver SIC Plant Baghouse Slurry Pond Evaluation, April 14, 1986.
- Hart Crowser, Inc., Fill Site Removal Report, Port of Vancouver, Washington, December 24, 1992.
- Hart Crowser, Inc., Soil Cover Construction Report, Former Carborundum Waste Disposal Ponds, Port of Vancouver, Washington, November 9, 1993.
- CH2M Hill, Port of Vancouver, Former Carborundum Facility, Vancouver, Washington, Groundwater Assessment, November 1994.
- CH2M Hill, Alternatives Assessment Report, Remediation of Contaminated Soils, Port of Vancouver, Former Carborundum Facility, Port of Vancouver, USA, March 1995.
- CH2M Hill, Independent Remedial Action Closeout Report, Former Carborundum Site, December 1995.



- CH2M Hill, December 1995 Groundwater Sampling Results, January 25, 1996.
- CH2M Hill, Port of Vancouver Former Carborundum Facility Test Pit Results, November 8, 1996.
- CH2M Hill, Port of Vancouver Former Carborundum Facility Railroad Soil Remediation Alternatives, February 1997.
- CH2M Hill, Port of Vancouver Former Carborundum Facility Groundwater Assessment Summary, June 17, 1997

The above listed reports will be kept in the Central Files of the Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) of Ecology for review by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the SWRO resource contact at (360) 407-6365.

Based upon the above listed information Ecology has determined that, at this time, the release of Carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (CPAH) into the soil and groundwater no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment.

Therefore, Ecology is issuing this determination that no further remedial action is necessary at these sites under MTCA, chapter 70.105D RCW. However, please note that because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree with Ecology, this letter is written pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030(1)(i) and does not constitute a settlement by the state under RCW 70.105D.040(4) and is not binding on Ecology.

In addition, the Restrictive Covenants filed on your properties dated February 20, 1998, are conditions to maintain Ecology's no further action determination. The Restrictive Covenants are attached to this letter as Attachment A. Ecology's no further action determination automatically terminates and will have no force and effect if any portions of the Restrictive Covenants are violated.

Ecology's no further action determination is made only with respect to the releases identified in the independent remedial action reports listed above. This no further action determination applies only to the area of the property affected by the releases identified in the reports at 2101 West 16th Street, Vancouver, Washington, and 3309 Northwest Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the properties, any other areas on the properties, nor any other properties owned or operated by the Port of Vancouver.

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Ecology will update its database to reflect this "No Further Action" determination. Your site will not appear in future publications of the Confirmed & Suspected Contaminated Sites Report (previously known as the Affected Media and Contaminants Report.) Ecology will also remove your site from the Hazardous Sites List.

The state, Ecology, and its officers and employees are immune from all liability and no cause of action of any nature may arise from any act or omission in providing this determination.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 407-6261.

Sincerely,



Kelly Susewind
Toxics Cleanup Program
Southwest Regional Office

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