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Ryan Thode, V.P. Operations  
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**Re: Newaukum Prairie Closure Approval**

Dear Ryan Thode:

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) approved Emerald Kalama Chemical, LLC (Emerald) and Fire Mountain Farms, Inc.'s (FMF) Final Closure Plan on August 14, 2020. The Final Closure Plan outlined the closure requirements applicable to FMF's Newaukum Prairie location.

Emerald and FMF submitted the Final Closure Report for the Newaukum Prairie location on September 28, 2021 to Ecology. Personnel from Ecology and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services visited the Newaukum Prairie location on September 13, 2021 to inspect the site.

After reviewing the Final Closure Report and inspecting the Newaukum Prairie location, Ecology concludes that Emerald and FMF have met the closure requirements of the Final Closure Plan for the Newaukum Prairie location. In accordance with the Agreement for Conditional Compliance dated June 2016 (Agreement) among Ecology, Emerald, and FMF, Ecology concludes that Emerald and FMF have met the requirements of Administrative Order No. 10938 dated September 11, 2014 for the Newaukum Prairie location.

According to the Agreement Section III.A.4.b.4, should FMF elect to use the Newaukum Prairie structure after removal of dangerous waste and decontamination is completed, FMF shall be solely responsible for such subsequent use and Emerald shall have no responsibility for such subsequent use.

In January 2014, Ecology and FMF entered into Agreed Order No. 10449 requiring FMF to develop and implement permit components and operational practices to achieve compliance with agronomic rate requirements. With the requirements of Administrative Order No. 10938 completed for the Newaukum Prairie location, Agreed Order No. 10449 is still in effect and Ecology expects FMF to meet the conditions listed in the Agreed Order.

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If you have any questions, please contact Peter Lyon at [peter.lyon@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:peter.lyon@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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