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Regarding: Valley I-5 / Poulsbo RV Opinion – WDOE, June 8, 2022
23051 Military Road South
Kent, Washington
FSID: 78643737
CSID: 6674
VCP Project: NW3335

David:

This letter is a response to your June 8, 2022 opinion pursuant to WAC 173-340-515(5) for the Poulsbo RV cleanup site, as described in PBS' *Remedial Action Work Plan* (August 18, 2021). WSDOT, PBS, and Atkinson agreed that further clarification would be useful regarding a few points in Ecology's opinion. A follow-up meeting that you attended on July 6, 2022 filled in additional details that could usefully be amended in Ecology's opinion document.

Soil Characterization

Your opinion document indicates that "soil contamination at the Site has been sufficiently characterized", but also mentions in the subsequent explanation that soil sampling for arsenic and lead related to the area-wide smelter plume should be completed for this site. At our July 6, 2022 meeting, you indicated that such additional shallow soil sampling would only be necessary for the limited area of the site at which soil would be exposed during the planned soil remediation, and that additional hardscape demolition for soil sampling purposes would not be necessary to move forward with the restrictive covenant removal. Can that clarification be added to your opinion?

Groundwater Sampling

Ecology's opinion mentions replacement of the existing well MW-3. It is currently the intent of WSDOT and Atkinson to preserve the existing wells (including MW-3) if at all possible during demolition, cleanup, and redevelopment of the Poulsbo RV Site. Based on previous reports by others, it appears likely that contamination left in place will be primarily in the direction of the nearby building, rather than in the direction of MW-3. Atkinson has expressed confidence that if that is the case, a remedial excavation can be executed in such a way that it will not damage MW-3. Can Ecology's opinion be modified to clarify that replacement of well MW-3 will only take place if it is destroyed during the remediation effort?

Please feel free to contact me at 206.766.7632 or mike.bagley@pbsusa.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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