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RE: Notification Pursuant to Chapter 173-340 of the Washington Administrative Code
512 E. Sunset Drive, Bellingham, Washington 98225
Whatcom County Assessor's Tax Parcel No.: 3803194593460000
Washington State Department of Ecology Facility Site ID: 84242359

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to WAC 173-340-545, you are hereby notified that an independent remedial action is being undertaken concerning the release of lead and petroleum hydrocarbons located at the property situated at 512 E. Sunset Drive, Bellingham, Washington (Whatcom County Assessor's Parcel No.: 3803194593460000) (the "Property"). The following information is provided for your reference:

Releases of Hazardous Substances on the Property

In June and July 2022, Whatcom Environmental Services, Inc. ("WES") conducted subsurface soil sampling at the Property. In June, a soil stockpile was sampled. In July, a test pit investigation and soil sampling occurred. The sampling evidenced diesel-, oil- and gasoline-range total petroleum hydrocarbons, naphthalene, and lead at the Property at levels that exceed Model Toxics Control Act Method A cleanup standards.

In 2001, an *Independent Remedial Action Report for the Bellingham Sunset Dr. Maintenance Facility, Bellingham, Washington* ("IRAR") was submitted by the Washington State Department of Transportation to the Washington State Department of Ecology ("Ecology") Toxics Cleanup Program for the Property. The IRAR describes an independent remedial action that excavated the following areas of suspected petroleum contamination: old gas house area, hydraulic lift, previously existing

500 gallon above ground heating oil tank, previously existing 500 gallon above ground diesel tank, and vehicle storage building. This report is filed under Ecology's Cleanup and Tank search database as *WA DOT Bellingham Maintenance 1994*, Facility Site ID: 84242359, Cleanup Site ID: 10728 (the "Site"). While the Site address in the IRAR describes the Site location as "412 Sunset Dr., Bellingham, WA 98226," that is an alternative address for the Property.¹

The IRAR describes excavating activities that occurred in October 1997 in the vicinity of an old hydraulic lift located in the maintenance building that was burned down on January 31, 1995. It also describes excavation of gasoline contaminated soil in the gas house area and removal of petroleum contaminated soil in "Building 1". While the IRAR concludes that "No further environmental concerns exist on site," it does not describe the full delineation of the contamination at the Property, nor does it provide results of sampling that follow MTCA standards for confirming clean excavation extents.

The Remedial Actions Expected to be Conducted

The technical consultant for the cleanup action will be:

Aimee Pennell
Whatcom Environmental Services, Inc.
228 East Champion Street, Suite 101
Bellingham, WA 98225
360-752-9571

The remedial actions expected to be conducted include excavation and removal of petroleum and lead contaminated soil, and the possible installation of groundwater monitoring wells.

Sincerely,

CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS P.S.



Holly M. Stafford

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cc: Client

¹ Cleanup Site IDs 10727, 10728, and 10729 are all associated with Facility Site ID 84242359, all of which are identified with "512 Sunset Dr., Bellingham".