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

- **Site name:** Pangborn Memorial Airport
- **Property address:** 1 Pangborn Road, East Wenatchee
- **Facility/Site ID:** 366
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 15332
- **Certified mail #:** 7014 3490 0001 5526 4946
- **County Assessor's Parcel No.:** 22211620001

Dear Stacie de Mestre:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a report titled "*Pangborn Airport Site-Soil Excavation and UST Removal Report*," submitted on January 3, 2020, 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 chapter 173-340 WAC.³ This state law sets the requirements necessary to clean up contaminated sites that can threaten human health and the environment.

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>

Ecology has assessed the report submitted on January 3, 2020 and has determined that soil contamination still exists at this site, with the impacts to groundwater at the site still unknown. As a result, we added this property to our database as a state cleanup site that will need to be cleaned up pursuant to MTCA requirements.

Ecology has assigned this site the Cleanup Site Identification (CSID) No. 15332. You can find site information and electronic records for this site at Ecology's Cleanup and Tank Search.⁴

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

The first step to receive technical assistance, or an opinion on an independent remedial action that meets MTCA requirements, includes determining if the site is eligible for Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).⁵

You can apply to the Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)⁶ to receive technical assistance or a written opinion on any independent remedial action. Contact Frosti Smith at 509-406-5157 or Frosti.Smith@ecy.wa.gov for more information on the VCP including guidance documents to help you conduct an independent cleanup. More information is available at our VCP webpage.⁷

Your cooperation in planning or conducting independent remedial action is not an admission of guilt or liability. However, 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.

⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/>

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Enclosed is the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation Focus Sheet.⁸ For questions regarding this letter or copies of the MTCA regulations and statute, please contact Frosti Smith, the Central Regional Office VCP coordinator at 509-406-5157 or Frosti.Smith@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation Focus Sheet

By certified mail: 7014 3490 0001 5526 4946

⁸ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/ftc94129.pdf>