



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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September 28, 2022

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Re: Termination of VCP Agreement for the following Site:

- **Site Name:** Richland Uptown Shopping Center Parcel 10
- **Site Address:** 1364 Jadwin Avenue, Richland
- **Facility/Site No.:** 10144
- **Cleanup Site No.:** 11645
- **VCP Project No.:** CE0518

Dear Jill Whitman:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is terminating the VCP Agreement governing Project No. CE0518. The project involved the cleanup of the Richland Uptown Shopping Center Parcel 10 facility (Site). The effective date of termination is the date of this letter. We are providing this notice in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Reason

Ecology is terminating the Agreement because we understand that you are not actively cleaning up the Site. On June 6, 2022, we sent you a letter requesting an update on the status of your cleanup and your plan for completing the cleanup. The post office returned that letter as undelivered. On July 28, 2022, we sent you an email requesting an update. You did not respond to that request. Since we have not heard from you, we have decided to terminate the Agreement.

Next Steps

Based on this decision, Ecology may take one or more of the following steps:

1. Conduct a site hazard assessment and rank the Site for further action.
2. Identify those persons we find potentially liable for cleanup of the Site.
3. Initiate discussions for an agreed order or consent decree that will govern further action at the Site.

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Visit Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program webpage¹ for technical assistance options if you decide to conduct further action at the Site.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me at 509-406-5157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Bound" followed by a small monogram "FBS".

Frosti Smith
VCP Coordinator
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

cc: Ha Family Investment LLC
Peter Trabusiner, Blue Mountain Environmental

¹ www.ecology.wa.gov/vcp