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**SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA CAMPUS
Request for Extension to Agreed Order No. DE 11081**

Dear Mr. Middleton,

The University of Washington is formally requesting an extension to Agreed Order No. DE 11081, currently set to expire on September 30, 2022.

The remedial investigation at The University of Washington Tacoma reached a major milestone in April 2021 with the completion of all planned field work on the Tacoma campus. All planned wells have been installed and groundwater monitoring has been conducted for at least two years. The majority of the work done in 2021 occurred on the four potential source properties owned by three named PLPs. Soil borings were completed on all four of the potential source properties, with multiple borings on each property converted to permanent monitoring wells. Soil testing and groundwater monitoring were conducted on all of the properties. GeoEngineers has completed technical letters describing the findings on the four potential source properties and is in the process of drafting a final report on the findings of the remedial investigation.

Completion of the final report on the findings of the remedial investigation has been delayed due to a number of factors. GeoEngineers has had to spend a significant amount of time preparing technical letters to the three named PLPs, as all three have been uncooperative in furthering the remedial investigation. GeoEngineers has also had to prepare multiple technical letters to the City of Tacoma, which has been shown to be responsible for significant contamination but has not yet been named a PLP. Finally, GeoEngineers is facing staffing shortages due to the current economic situation. They are in the process of replacing three staff members who were working directly on this remedial investigation.

We are requesting a final project deadline of September 30, 2023.



Due to the reasons we have outlined above, we believe it would be appropriate and there is good cause to grant an extension to Agreed Order No. DE 11081. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gallucci'.

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