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February 22, 2019

Patricia Botsford-Martin  
Port of Skagit County  
15400 Airport Drive  
P.O. Box 348  
Burlington, WA 98233

**Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:**

- **Site Name:** Northern State Multi Service Center
- **Site Address:** 2070 Northern State Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 10048
- **Facility/Site ID:** 65415931

Dear Patricia Botsford-Martin:

On January 16, 2019, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that the Port of Skagit County is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Northern State Multi Service Center facility (Site). On February 6, 2019, Ecology received your written notice accepting the Port of Skagit County's status as a PLP for the Site and waiving its opportunity to comment.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that the Port of Skagit County is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that the Port of Skagit County is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70.105D.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the Port of Skagit County to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter



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will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order.

The Port of Skagit County's rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Mark Adams, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mark Adams at (425) 649-7107 or [mark.adams@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:mark.adams@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Robert W. Warren  
Section Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

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