



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 5, 2023

Peter and Irene Sing
P.O. Box 1691
McCleary, WA 98557

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

- **Site Name:** Former Grays Harbor Pulp and Paper Mill
- **Site Address:** 801 23rd Street, Hoquiam, WA
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 2498, 577, 2676, 2614, 1172, 2262, 10440, 1255, 2282
- **Facility/Site ID:** 36, 86233618, 34, 34737386, 68393196, 44124741, 76276679
37438132, 33
- **County Assessor's Parcel Number(s):** 056400200300, 056400200100,
051202800000, 056400100400, 055206200000, 055206100002, 055205600400,
055206000002, 055206400002, 056400200202, 056400200201, 056411300000,
056409000000, 517101311000

Dear Peter and Irene Sing:

On March 24, 2023 the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that you are a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Former Grays Harbor Pulp and Paper Mill (Site). On April 28, 2023 the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. As of May 31, 2023, Ecology had not received any written comments from you.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists you are liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that you are 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 you to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site.

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Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter 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. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).

Your 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, Emily Toffol, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Emily Toffol at 360-790-8363 or emily.toffol@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



James DeMay, P.E.

Industrial Section Manager

Solid Waste Management Program

By certified mail: 9489-0090-0027-6383-8990-84

cc: Jonathan Thompson, Office of the Attorney General
Ecology Site File