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Sara Fulton, Initial Investigator
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Washington Department of Ecology
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Re: Wilbur-Ellis Othello Location Release Investigation Summary

Hello Sara,

As you are aware, Wilbur-Ellis owns and operates a facility located approximately 1/2 mile north of Othello at 910 Broadway Avenue, Othello, WA 99344. The primary purpose of this facility is mixing and blending fertilizers. As previously disclosed, a release of approximately 3,000 gallons of fertilizer rinse water occurred at this facility in December of 2022.

Wilbur-Ellis retained EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc. (EA) to conduct a preliminary investigation into potential impacts to ground and water as a result of the release. Following a site visit with Wilbur-Ellis and Ecology staff on January 4, 2023 to collect information on the site and identify potential sampling locations, a Site Characterization Work Plan was developed to collect soil data to evaluate potential impacts to the environment of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), metam sodium, ammonia, and nitrate from fertilizer and fumigant stored at the facility due to a release of rinsate water at the Facility. The site characterization was conducted to evaluate the need for a voluntary cleanup under Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) oversight.

The Site Assessment Report was prepared to summarize the results of the site characterization field activities conducted at Wilbur-Ellis's Othello facility (Facility) in Othello, Washington, and is attached for your review.

Should you have any questions or wish to follow up with us, please feel free to contact me at eddie.phillips@wilburellis.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Eddie', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Eddie Phillips
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