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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

September 13, 1990

Mr. Tony Eglet, District Manager  
PureGro  
W. 1529 Lee Road  
Othello, WA 99344

Re: EARLY NOTICE LETTER REGARDING THE OTHELLO PUREGRO PROPERTY,  
LOCATED IN ADAMS COUNTY, BEING WITHIN THE NE 1/4 NE 1/4, OF SECTION  
33, T. 16 N., R. 30 E.W.M.

Dear Mr. Eglet:

On May 31, 1990 the Department of Ecology was notified by PureGro that there had been a release of chemical rinsate and urea solution at the above referenced property. It is our understanding that you are the current owner/operator of this property/facility. Notice was also given to Ecology that you plan to conduct an independent investigation/cleanup action. An initial investigation of the site was conducted by Ecology personnel on August 29, 1990.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act [Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW)], Ecology maintains a database of known or suspected contaminated sites. Based on available information and results of the initial investigation, the above referenced property will be added to the database. Please note that inclusion in the database does not mean that Ecology has determined you are a potentially liable person under the Model Toxics Control Act [administered under Chapter 173-340 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC)].

Regardless of your planned/present actions, Ecology may still need to conduct a more detailed inspection of this property in the future, including testing for possible contamination. At that time, we will assess the need for further action and establish a priority for this work, if needed.

Ecology has a strong commitment to working cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. However, due to limited resources and requirements in state law, we are not always able to provide all the assistance requested. Your cooperation in planning or conducting a remedial action is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. Some of these requirements are addressed in Chapter 173-340, Sections 120 (6)(b), and

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300 (4) of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Please note that Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW and the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, is enclosed for your review and reference. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please contact me at 509/456-6164.

Sincerely,

Dave George  
Initial Investigator  
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW and Chapter 173-340 WAC.

cc: Don Sump, Vice President, PureGro

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