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CERTIFIED MAIL

September 26, 2005

City of Tacoma
Assets Management Division
747 Market Street, Room 737
Tacoma WA 98402

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding The Release of Hazardous Substances at 35th Street Landfill City Fill site located at S. 35th Street and Pacific Avenue Tacoma Washington 98403; Facility Site Identification Number 5774537.

Under Chapter 70.105 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation, of properties where we have received a report that there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substance that could pose a threat to human health or the environment.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) maintains a list of sites where an initial investigation has found that further testing and possible cleanup is needed. We call this our "database of Confirmed or Suspected Contaminated Sites". As a result of the initial investigation conducted by the Department of Ecology, this property has been added to the database as a State Cleanup Site and assigned a Facility Site Identification number of 5774537. Please note that inclusion in this database does not mean Ecology has determined you liable for cleanup of the site, as that is a separate determination under the law.

This site has been added to our database as a result of the initial investigation which revealed past dumping practices impacted the conditions at this site. The investigation included soil and surface water testing and a review of several investigative reports. The sample results confirmed petroleum hydrocarbon, heavy metals, arsenic, and lead contamination exists at varying degrees. In addition, the methane production levels require monitoring at this site. The extent of contamination has not been fully defined. The purpose of the initial investigation is to confirm or deny allegations of contamination on site.

In the future, Ecology may conduct a more detailed inspection of this property including testing for possible contamination. This inspection is called a "Site Hazard Assessment". At that time, Ecology will assess whether action will be needed and if necessary establish a priority for the work.

Ecology's policy is to work cooperatively with individuals to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. Your cooperation with Ecology in planning or conducting a remedial action is not an

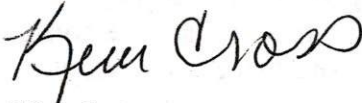


admission of guilt or liability. Please be aware of state laws that must be adhered to if you decide to proceed with cleanup work on your own. The primary law is Chapter 70.105D RCW and the implementing regulations, the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation (MTCA or Chapter 173-340 WAC). These laws can be found at Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program website, <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxicscleanup/policy>.

If you would like a printed copy of the MTCA regulations or if you have questions call me at (360) 407-6240. These rules and how they impact each site can be confusing and complicated there are Environmental Consultants that can be employed to assist property owners with the cleanup and site assessment process.

The Voluntary Cleanup Program Focus Sheet enclosed explains Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program designed to provide technical assistance, for a fee, to sites that qualify. If you would like additional information regarding this program you can contact Chuck Cline at 407-6267.

Sincerely,



Kim Cross
Toxics Cleanup Program
Southwest Regional Office

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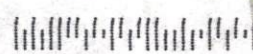
Enclosure

cc: John Stetson, Director, City of Tacoma Public Works Dept
William Dickson, WM Dickson Construction
Jim Parvey, City of Tacoma Public Works Engineering Division
Sharon Bell, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
Cris Matthews, Department of Ecology
Michael Spencer, Department of Ecology

Initial Investigation Close-Out Router

ERTS #: <u>5541074</u>		Site Name: <u>35th ST. LANDFILL</u>	
1	Recommended Action: Circle the appropriate categories:		
	NFA	<u>Listing on SIS</u>	High Priority SHA
Initial Investigator: <u>S. Bee</u>			
2	Unit Supervisor: <u>CM</u>		
3	Final Action: Circle the appropriate categories:		
	NFA	<u>Listing on SIS</u>	High Priority SHA
Section Manager: <u>Rebecca Lawson</u>			
NFAs go Directly to the Incident Tracker, and Then the File Room; Others Follow the Process Below			
4	Entered on SIS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Date: <u>09-26-05</u>		
	SIS Site Number:	Facility Site Number: <u>5774537</u>	
	Date Early Notice Letter Sent: <u>09-27-05</u>		
FS/SIS Coordinator: <u>Ken Cross</u>			
5	Incident Tracker:		
	Date:		
6	File Room:		
	County:		
	File Type:		

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