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August 18, 2023

Paul and Bettie Haverluk
HLH Inc. d.b.a. New City Cleaners
c/o James Crane
Landye Bennett & Blumstein
1300 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 3500
Portland, OR 97201

RE: Ecology Response to Consent Decree Proposal for the following site:

- **Site Name:** New City Cleaners
- **Site Address:** 747 Stevens Drive, Richland
- **Facility/Site ID:** 327
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 4894

Dear Paul and Bettie Haverluk:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a letter dated June 30, 2023, sent by Adam Griffin at Aspect Consulting on behalf of HLH, Inc. c/o Beveridge & Diamond P.C., and Landye Bennett Blumstein, LLP, detailing a proposal to proceed with Consent Decree Negotiations for the New City Cleaners Site (Site).¹

Ecology has reviewed the proposal and determined that it provides a sufficient basis for negotiations per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-520.²

Ecology accepts the schedule put forth in the referenced June 30, 2023 letter with one proposed change. Ecology plans to issue the Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP) for public comment on September 1, 2023. The planned comment period will run from September 1 through October 2, 2023. This allows for comments to be addressed prior to issuing a final CAP with the Consent Decree.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4894>

² <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-520>

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Next Steps

- Ecology will provide a notice in the next Site Register³ advising the public that negotiations have begun.
- Ecology will issue the DCAP for public comment and respond to any comments received. This should not affect the Consent Decree negotiation timeline.
- Consent Decree negotiations will take place from October 16 through December 15, 2023.

Please contact me at 509-907-1353 or Rachel.Caron@ecy.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rachel Caron
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

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³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/guidance-technical-assistance/site-register-lists-and-data#SiteRegister>