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October 9, 2023

Allan Gebhard
Barr Engineering Co.
4300 Market Point Drive, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55435

Re: Barr Engineering Co. September 29, 2023 Letter to Ecology

- **Site Name:** Boise Cascade Mill
- **Site Address:** 805 N 7th Street, Yakima
- **Facility Site No.:** 450
- **Cleanup Site ID No.:** 12095
- **Agreed Order No.:** DE 13959

Dear Allan Gebhard:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the Barr Engineering Co. (BARR) September 29, 2023 letter received by email from Alec Danielson on September 29, 2023. As discussed by conference call on October 5, Ecology desires to move expeditiously forward with the planned work and supports your written approach and schedule. Our response is consistent with our authority under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70A.305 RCW¹.

Ecology supports the PLP moving forward with the scope of work and schedule provided in the September 29, 2023 letter and appreciates your recognition of Yakima County's important East-West Corridor project and the deadlines involved. Because the schedule provided includes activities that start the same day as the letter, Ecology is providing this prompt response and support of the PLP's scope and schedule with the understanding that factors such as Yakama Nation comment or potential public comment periods may influence the submitted schedule.

As discussed in our October 5th meeting, Ecology requests more details on B. Groundwater Slug Testing, and C. Sub-Slab Vapor Sampling. Please ensure these are addressed as appropriate in the work plan addendum. You may also provide the details on the slug test by email since your schedule indicates you are currently working on the slug test.

¹ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

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As a reminder, soil vapor sampling shall be in accordance with the Ecology Publication 09-09-047, *Guidance for Evaluating Vapor Intrusion in Washington State: Investigation and Remedial Action*².

Revised MTCA rule

As a reminder, the revision of Chapter 173-340³ Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulations adopted on August 23, 2023 goes into effect on January 1, 2024. To learn more about changes in the revised rule visit Ecology's rulemaking webpage⁴ for Chapter 173-340 WAC.

Please provide acknowledgment of receiving this letter upon receipt (by email or hard copy, which ever arrives first). If you have any questions about this response and these opinions, please contact me by phone at 509-225-0304 or e-mail at John.Zinza@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



John Zinza, PE
Cleanup Project Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/0909047.html>

³ <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340>

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-340>

