

Memorandum

September 2, 2022

To: Dale Myers, Washington State Department of Ecology
From: Halah Voges and Nathan Soccorsy, Anchor QEA, LLC
cc: Scott Johnson, Helsell Fetterman

Re: Schedule Extension Request (Agreed Order: No. DE 19805)

In accordance with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Agreed Order (AO; No. DE 19805), Anchor QEA prepared the Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) for Tahn Associates, LLC (Tahn) to conduct a remedial investigation (RI) for the property located at 4701 Brooklyn Avenue Northeast, 98105, in Seattle, Washington. The building on the property was historically operated by Carson Cleaners, Inc., a dry cleaner, and the property is currently owned by Tahn. In a letter dated November 7, 2019, Ecology requested that Tahn investigate potential vapor intrusion risks on the property and at three off-property locations. Following completion of the requested vapor intrusion investigation, Ecology and Tahn executed the AO.

Anchor QEA is endeavoring to implement the field investigations outlined within the RIWP in accordance with the AO (due to be completed 365 days after the RIWP approval). The RIWP approval letter was received from Ecology on October 12, 2021. Therefore, the due date for RI field investigations is October 12, 2022. Consistent with our previous communications, Anchor QEA is requesting a schedule extension, on behalf of Tahn, to implement the RIWP field investigations considering two main schedule drivers:

1. The street use right-of-way (ROW) permit application was submitted on December 22, 2021. The anticipated review period was 8 weeks. However, the right-of-way permit was not approved until July 26, 2022, due to heavy construction in the area creating difficulties for the City of Seattle in coordinating the traffic control plan to accommodate all of the proposed construction. This delay caused a significant delay in monitoring well and soil boring installation.
2. The availability of drillers in the Seattle area continues to be affected by labor shortages and heavy workloads. Anchor QEA has contacted drillers throughout the area and scheduled the monitoring well and soil boring installation for mid-November 2022, which is the earliest availability.

Given these significant schedule delays, we request that Ecology approve an extension for RIWP field investigations to be completed by December 31, 2023, to allow sufficient time to install the monitoring wells and soil borings and collect four quarters of data, as outlined in the RIWP. See the attached planning-level schedule for reference, which includes schedule float to account for potential delays in the event that construction in the area inhibits quarterly monitoring.

