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June 24, 2003

Jerry Clark  
Pope & Talbot  
P.O. Box 217  
Port Gamble, WA 98364

Dear Mr. Clark

Re: Request for Review: A NFA Determination for Independent Remedial Action  
Washington DNR's Leased Aquatic Property in Southern Port Gamble Bay, Washington

Thank you for submitting the results of your independent remedial actions for review by the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing this administrative option under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has reviewed the following information regarding the additional sediment quality assessment at the Pope & Talbot former leasing property located at the above referenced site:

Sediment Characterization Report, Former Pope & Talbot, Inc., Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Land Lease No. 20-12795, April 2003, Parametrix, Inc.

The report listed above will be kept in the Central Files of the Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) of Ecology for review by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling Sally Perkins at the NWRO at (425) 649-7190 or -7239.

Based upon the information in the report listed above, Ecology has determined that, at this time, contamination of cadmium, as a chemical of concern identified from the previous assessment (March 2000), in the sediment within the leased aquatic land owned by Washington Department of Natural Resource (DNR) does not pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Therefore, Ecology is issuing this determination that no further remedial action for sediment investigation or cleanup is necessary at this site under MTCA, chapter 70.105D RCW. However, please note that because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree with Ecology, this letter is written pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030(1)(i) and does not constitute a settlement by the state under RCW 70.105D.040(4) and is not binding on Ecology.

Ecology's no further action determination is made only with respect to the contamination discovered in the report listed above. It does not apply to any other contamination or potential contamination at the adjacent property owned or operated by Pope & Talbot.

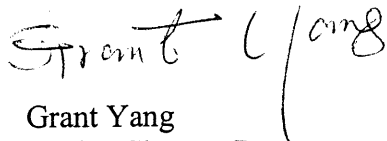


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The state, Ecology, and its officers and employees are immune from all liability and no cause of action of any nature may arise from any act or omission in providing this determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Grant Yang at (425)-649-7126.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant Yang". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Grant Yang  
Toxics Cleanup Program

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cc: Phil Struck, Parametrix