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**SENT BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Re: Review of Submitted Report on the Investigation and Cleanup under VCP for the Following Contaminated Site:**

**Site Name:** Walkers Renton Subaru Used Cars  
**Site Address:** 250 Rainier Ave S, Renton, King County, WA 98057  
**Facility/Site ID:** 19684856  
**Cleanup Site ID:** 5659  
**VCP Project ID:** NW3389

Dear Darren Ryan:

Thank you for submitting Final Construction Notification and Contaminated Media Management Plan, for review by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Based on a preliminary review, Ecology determined your final contaminated media management plan is complete and Ecology has no comments on it.

## **Limitations of the Opinion**

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### **Opinion does not settle liability with the state**

Liable persons are strictly liable, jointly and severally, for all remedial action costs and for all natural resource damages resulting from the release or releases of hazardous substances at the Site. This opinion does not:

- Resolve or alter a person's liability to the state.
- Protect liable persons from contribution claims by third parties.

To settle liability with the state and obtain protection from contribution claims, a person must enter into a consent decree with Ecology under RCW [70A.305.040](#)(4).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.040>

## **Opinion does not constitute a determination of substantial equivalence**

To recover remedial action costs from other liable persons under MTCA, one must demonstrate that the action is the substantial equivalent of an Ecology-conducted or Ecology-supervised action. This opinion does not determine if the action you performed is substantially equivalent. Courts make that determination. See RCW [70A.305.080](#)<sup>2</sup> and WAC [173-340-545](#).<sup>3</sup>

## **State is immune from liability**

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 opinion. See RCW [70A.305.170](#)(6).<sup>4</sup>

If you have any questions about this review, you may contact me at 360-407-7223 or [christopher.maurer@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:christopher.maurer@ecy.wa.gov). Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Ecology Site File

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<sup>4</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.170>