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April 29, 2024

Marcia Huff Etal  
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**Re: Status Request:**

Site name: Puregro Wilbur  
Site address: 555 NE Main Ave, Wilbur, WA 99185  
Facility/Site ID: 622  
Cleanup Site ID: 1267  
County Assessor's Parcel Numbers(s): 0806000002000

Dear Marcia Huff Etal:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you a letter on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 contacting you to request a status update and to express concerns regarding concentrations of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers identified in soil and groundwater at the [Puregro Wilbur facility](#)<sup>1</sup> (Site). This is our second attempt to request a status update and to express concern. Please provide any environmental data that has been collected. As you previously indicated, if you would prefer that we reach out to your attorney, please provide their contact information.

As a known contaminated site, additional information is needed to determine if past releases of hazardous substances are protective of human health and the environment under the [Model Toxics Control Act \(MTCA\)](#)<sup>2</sup> [Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\) Chapter 70A.305](#)<sup>3</sup>. Providing this information will enable Ecology to evaluate the nature and extent of impacts at the Site,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/1267>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>

<sup>3</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

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associative threats to human health and the environment, and whether additional cleanup actions will be needed.

The Site was originally added to Ecology's Hazardous Site List on August 8, 1992 based on an initial [Site Hazard Assessment](#)<sup>4</sup> as a result of multiple reported releases from the PureGro Company. As a follow-up action, additional [Well Installation and Groundwater Monitoring](#)<sup>5</sup> conducted in February 1995. The laboratory results from the groundwater wells sampled during February 1995 indicated nitrate concentrations in groundwater ranging from 0.70 ppm to 550 ppm. The nitrate concentrations were greater than their applicable cleanup screening levels. Per the Ecology site record, no additional environmental data is available for review after 1995.

Ecology is committed to working cooperatively with persons to accomplish comprehensive and effective cleanups. As the current owner of the Site, Ecology is reaching out to you to request a response by July 31, 2024 including any environmental assessment data or information regarding any remedial actions that have taken place since 1995.

If you have any questions regarding this request or if you would like additional information regarding the cleanup of contaminated sites, please contact me at (509) 723-5399 or [Kailey.Schrump@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Kailey.Schrump@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: Nicholas Acklam, Ecology *NA*

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<sup>4</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/127659>

<sup>5</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/127662>