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Eastern Region Office

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May 23, 2024

Andrew Penamora Environmental Manager, Hecla 397 Friday Avenue Mullan, Idaho 83847

Re: No Further Action At The Following Site:

Site Name: Hecla Zinc Concentrate Release, Ione

Latitude/Longitude: 48.48524, -117.27059

Facility Site ID number: 100001313 Cleanup Site ID number: 17034

Dear Andrew Penamora:

Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Toxics Cleanup Program has reviewed the following information regarding the above-described facility/property:

Arcadis, Independent Remedial Action Report for Washington State Highway 20 Mile Marker 407 in Ione. May 15, 2024.

Based upon the above-listed information, Ecology has determined that the release(s) of lead, cadmium, mercury, and zinc in soil does not pose a substantial threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology is issuing a No Further Action (NFA) determination under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)¹.

This NFA determination is made only for releases identified in the independent remedial action report(s) listed above and applies only to the area(s) of the property affected by those releases. The NFA does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, any other areas on the property, nor any other properties owned or operated by Hecla Limited.

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¹ RCW 70A.305 RCW

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Because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree this letter is offered as informal assistance and advice² and does not constitute a MTCA settlement³, therefore this NFA determination is not binding on Ecology. Should additional information indicate that further action under MTCA is necessary, Ecology may re-evaluate the site.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at 509-319-0047.

Sincerely,

Sara Fulton

Sara Fulton Initial Investigator ERO Toxic Cleanup Program

cc: Christer Loftenius, Hydrogeologist 3 Joshua Lee, Arcadis

² RCW 70A.305.030(1)(i)

³ RCW 70A.305.040(4)