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June 10, 2024

Robert Cugini, President  
Barbee Forest Products, Inc.  
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**Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:**

- **Site Name:** Barbee Mill Company
- **Site Address:** 4101 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 2368
- **Facility/Site ID:** 76716221

Dear Robert Cugini:

On May 14, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Barbee Forest Products, Inc. is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Barbee Mill Company facility (Site). On June 4, 2024, Ecology received your written notice accepting your status as a PLP for the Site and waiving your opportunity to comment.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists Barbee Forest Products, Inc. is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Barbee Forest Products, Inc. is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70A.305.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for Barbee Forest Products, Inc. to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with

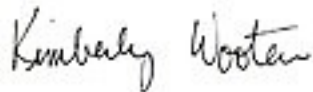
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such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70A.305.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, David Butler, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact David Butler by phone at 206-518-3513 or by email at [david.butler@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:david.butler@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Wooten".

Kim Wooten  
Section Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

By certified mail: [9171 9690 0935 0192 9824 02]

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