



June 14, 2024

Tena Seeds  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
15700 Dayton Avenue North  
Shoreline, Washington 98133

**RE: PROGRESS REPORT FOR MAY 2024  
BLOCK 38 WEST SITE  
500 THROUGH 536 WESTLAKE AVENUE NORTH  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
AGREED ORDER NO.: DE 17963  
FARALLON PN: 397-019**

Dear Tena Seeds:

Farallon Consulting, L.L.C. (Farallon) has prepared this progress report on behalf of City Investors IX L.L.C. (City Investors IX) to provide a written monthly report describing actions taken during the previous month to implement the requirements of the Agreed Order and to document the remedial investigation and regulatory reporting activities conducted during May 2024 at the Block 38 West Site. The remedial investigation and regulatory reporting activities are being performed under Agreed Order No. DE 17963 (AO) between the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and City Investors IX. The Block 38 West Site, as defined under the AO, is where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located. The Block 38 West Site is generally located at 500 through 536 Westlake Avenue North in Seattle, Washington (Block 38 West Property).

This progress report provides a summary of activities performed during the reporting period, changes in key personnel involved with the work, deviations from the scope of work, deviations from the schedule and resolution, a summary of sampling and testing reports, work planned and deliverables for the next reporting period, and public or regulatory communications.

#### **ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

On May 10, 2024, Ecology provided comments to City Investors IX and Farallon on the Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation and Focused Feasibility Study Report and the draft Cleanup Action Plan outline. City Investors IX and Farallon are reviewing and



incorporating Ecology's comments and the fourth quarterly groundwater monitoring event data set into the revised Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation and Focused Feasibility Study Report. City Investors and Farallon incorporated Ecology's comments and prepared a revised draft Cleanup Action Plan outline for Ecology's review, which was submitted to Ecology on May 31.

On May 1, May 15 and May 29, Ecology, City Investors IX, and Farallon participated in ongoing meetings to discuss the regulatory review status of documents for the Block 38 West Site, clarification of Ecology comments related to the Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation and Focused Feasibility Study, coordinating the public review schedule, and timing to initiate the Consent Decree negotiations.

#### **CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL**

There are no deviations to report for the work related to the requirements of the AO.

#### **DEVIATIONS FROM INTERIM ACTION WORK PLAN OR APPROVED SCOPE OF WORK**

There are no deviations to report for the work related to the requirements of the AO.

#### **DEVIATIONS FROM SCHEDULE AND RESOLUTIONS**

Currently, no delays are anticipated to the AO schedule.

#### **SAMPLING PERFORMED, RESULTS, DATA VALIDATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT DATABASE**

Activities conducted during this reporting period related to data collection, validation, and management included preparation of the data validation report for the remedial investigation data set collected from November 2021 through February 2024. City Investors IX and Farallon prepared and uploaded the remedial investigation data set to Ecology's Environmental Information Management Database on May 10, 2024.

#### **WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

Work planned for the June 2024 reporting period includes the following:

- Continuing progress meetings with Ecology regarding the Agency Review Draft Remedial Investigation and Focused Feasibility Study Report and submittal of the revised report to Ecology by June 24 in accordance with Exhibit C, Schedule of Deliverables, of the Agreed Order;



- Preparing the Agency Review Draft Cleanup Action Plan; and
- Negotiating the draft Consent Decree with Ecology and the Attorney General's Office based on the scope described in the Agency Review Draft Cleanup Action Plan.

#### **PUBLIC OR REGULATORY COMMUNICATIONS**

City Investors IX has not participated in any meetings with interested members of the public or local governments, nor has it had any formal communications with Ecology personnel during this reporting period (i.e., other than ongoing coordination and discussions with Ecology regarding the remedial investigation).

Please contact the undersigned at (425) 295-0800 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

**Farallon Consulting, L.L.C.**

Suzy Stumpf, P.E.  
Principal Engineer

cc: Corey Wilson, City Investors IX L.L.C.

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