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September 18, 2024

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Re: Early Notice of Listing Contaminated Site

- **Site Name:** California Ave Gas Station
- **Site Address:** 6428 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98136
- **Facility/Site ID:** 17092
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 17039

Dear Ricka Gerstmann:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has confirmed that a release of hazardous substances has occurred at the California Ave Gas Station facility (Site). This Site requires cleanup under the [Model Toxics Control Act](#) (MTCA),¹ [Chapter 70A.305 RCW](#).²

Based on this confirmation, Ecology has added the Site to the [Contaminated Sites List](#).³ This list includes all known or suspected contaminated sites that Ecology has determined require further remedial action under MTCA.

Ecology based this determination on your planned enrollment in the [Technical Assistance Program](#) (TAP)⁴ of the [Pollution Liability Insurance Agency](#) (PLIA).⁵ We applaud your initiative and appreciate your work to independently clean up the Site.

Your cooperation to clean up the Site is neither an admission of guilt nor liability. This notice is required under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) [173-340-310](#)(6)(b).⁶

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>

² <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/reports/cleanup/contaminated>

⁴ <https://plia.wa.gov/technical-assistance-program/>

⁵ <https://plia.wa.gov/>

⁶ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-310>

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For more information about this notice, please contact me by phone at (425) 301-6080 or by email at donna.kirkman@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Kirkman".

Donna Kirkman
Acting VCP Unit Supervisor
Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

Enclosure (1): 1. Cleanup Site Details Report

cc: Mitch Williams, Partner Engineering & Science (dwilliams@partneresi.com)
PLIA TAP Coordinator (pliamail@plia.wa.gov)



Cleanup Site Details

Cleanup Site ID: 17039

Cleanup Site ID: 17039 Facility/Site ID: 17092 UST ID: N/A [Site Page](#) [Site Documents](#) [View Map](#)

Cleanup Site Name: California Ave Gas Station [Glossary](#)

Alternate Names: California Ave Gas Station, WaFd Bank, WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS

LOCATION

Address: 6428 California Ave SW City: Seattle Zip Code: 98136 County: King
Latitude: 47.54518 Longitude: -122.38676 WRIA: 9 Legislative District: 34 Congressional District: 7 TRS: 24N 3E 26

DETAIL

Status: Awaiting Cleanup NFA Received? No Is PSI site? No
Statute: MTCA NFA Date: N/A Current VCP? No Past VCP? No
Site Rank: N/A NFA Reason: N/A Brownfield? No
Site Manager: PLIA Responsible Unit: Pollution Liability Ins Agcy Active Institutional Control? No

CLEANUP UNITS

Cleanup Unit Name	Unit Type	Unit Status	Resp Unit	Unit Manager	Current Process
California Ave Gas Station	Upland	Awaiting Cleanup	PLIA	PLIA	PLIA Petroleum Technical

ACTIVE INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS

Instrument Type	Restriction Media	Restrictions/Requirements	Date	Recording Number	Recording County	Tax Parcel
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There are no current Institutional Controls in effect for this site.

AFFECTED MEDIA & CONTAMINANTS

MEDIA						
Contaminant	Soil	Groundwater	Surface Water	Sediment	Air	Bedrock
Benzene	C	B			C	
Non-Halogenated Solvents					C	
Other Non-Halogenated Organics	B	B				
Petroleum-Diesel	B	B				
Petroleum-Gasoline	C	B				
Petroleum-Other	C	B				
Polychlorinated biPhenyls (PCB)	B					
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons					C	

Key:
B - Below Cleanup Level C - Confirmed Above Cleanup Level RA - Remediated-Above
S - Suspected R - Remediated RB - Remediated-Below

SITE ACTIVITIES

Activity	Status	Start Date	End Date/ Completion Date
Site Discovery/Release Report Received	Completed		1/29/2024
Initial Investigation / Federal Preliminary Assessment	Completed		2/20/2024
Site Hazard Assessment/Federal Site Inspection	Completed		4/24/2024

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Activity	Status	Start Date	End Date/ Completion Date
Early Notice Letter(s)	Completed		9/18/2024