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Sent via email and hard copy

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Re: Ecology Regulatory Reviews with the Addition of the East-West Corridor Project Footprint as an Operable Unit:

- **Site Name:** Boise Cascade Mill
- **Site Address:** 805 N 7th Street, Yakima
- **Facility Site No.:** 450
- **Cleanup Site ID No.:** 12095
- **Agreed Order No.:** DE 13959

Dear Allan Gebhard:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing you with this status of our regulatory activities to aid you in your planning and scheduling. Our opinions expressed in this letter are consistent with our authority under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70A.305 RCW.¹

Ecology's understanding of the extent of the Boise Cascade Mill cleanup site

As you know, Yakima County conducted an environmental investigation related to their East-West Corridor project. Their investigation focused on their road project's footprint which is within the known historical Boise Cascade Mill operations on the east side of Interstate 82. The results are documented in the Initial Investigation report prepared by Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. (MFA), dated August 28, 2024.² Essentially, the report confirms the release of hazardous substances within the parcels encompassing their road work project. Therefore, Ecology notified Yakima County that they are a potentially liable party for the release and that Ecology expects a cleanup to be completed. You were copied on our October 3, 2024 letter. Ecology's opinion is that the area investigated by Yakima County is an operational unit of the Boise Cascade Mill cleanup site.

¹ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/146971>

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Ecology review status of Barr East Side Conceptual Site Model and Data Gaps Report

Since receiving the Barr East Side Conceptual Model and Data Gaps Report (CM&DG Report), Ecology received the environmental investigation from Yakima County. Ecology also just became aware of past environmental sampling efforts by Shannon & Wilson, which Yakima County included in their report findings. Yakima County's effort and timing have resulted in a delay in our review of your CM&DG report as necessary to allow Ecology a better understanding of the extent of contamination originating from the former Boise Cascade Mill site operations. As you can appreciate in your data gap analysis, the County's effort is filling in some of the data gaps. Note that future submittals for the Boise Cascade Mill Site will reflect our inclusion of the new operable unit. We anticipate that our review of the CM& DG Report will be completed around mid-November.

Available to Meet, Closing, and Contact Information

Ecology is available to meet as necessary to discuss your plans and the route forward for the cleanup of this site, including MTCA activities on the east side of Interstate 82.

If you have any questions about this response and these opinions, please contact me by phone at 509-225-0304 or by email at john.zinza@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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