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Mr. Steve Stuart City of Ridgefield 230 Pioneer Street Ridgefield, WA, 98642 <u>steve.stuart@ridgefieldwa.us</u>

RE: Request for PFAS Evaluation in Groundwater

- Site Name: Park Laundry (Site)
- Site Address: 122 North Main Avenue, Ridgefield, Washington 98642
- Facility/ Site ID: 8100630
- Cleanup Site ID: 4099

Dear Mr. Steve Stuart (Project Coordinator),

This work is being done under Consent Decree No. 23-2-02783-06 between Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the City of Ridgefield and in compliance with the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70A.305 RCW.

In 2023, Ecology published guidance for investigating and remediation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in Washington State.¹ In addition, the Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC, 2022)² and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP, 2022)³ have observed releases of PFAS to the environment from textiles which can be correlated to drycleaning and laundering activities. Due to the past usage and releases at the Site, it is necessary that during the next groundwater sampling event at the Site, PFAS be included as analyte at select groundwater monitoring wells. PFAS groundwater sampling shall initially be performed at the following eight groundwater monitoring wells: MW02, MW03, MW05, MW13, MW15, MW-23D, MW-25D, and MW-46D.

¹ Ecology, 2023. *Guidance for Investigating and Remediation PFAS Contamination in Washington State,* Toxics Cleanup Program Publication No. 22-09-058

² Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC), 2022, Technical Resources for Addressing Environmental Releases of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/.

³ Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2022, Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Dynamic Plan, Division of Waste Management.

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In addition, Ecology recommends obtaining access and sampling a groundwater monitoring well located upgradient of the Site to determine background levels, if PFAS is encountered during sampling.

To begin the investigation of PFAS at the Site, please prepare a separate, or update the existing, sampling and analysis plan (SAP) for collecting groundwater samples for PFAS. The SAP shall include quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) measures specific to PFAS sampling. Refer to the previously mentioned Ecology PFAS guidance document as you prepare the SAP. **Please submit the SAP document for Ecology review within 90 days of the date of this letter.**

If you have any questions, please call me at 360-999-9590 or email me at <u>cpen461@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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