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March 5, 2003

Lucille Fisher 7912 S.E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street Mercer Island, WA 98040

Subject: Site Hazard Assessment - Fisher Property

Ecology Facility Site ID: 98981573

Dear Ms. Fisher:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) will conduct a site hazard assessment (SHA) of the Fisher Property site, 9420 Rainier Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98118, under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 173-340-320 WAC. This site has been on Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List, awaiting assessment, since March 4, 2002. This assessment will be performed by Carsten Thomsen, Public Health – Seattle & King County. He will contact you in the near future to arrange a suitable time for a site visit.

The purpose of an SHA is to gather information on past/present waste management activities, along with other basic site-specific environmental data, in order to score the site following the Washington Ranking Method (WARM) Scoring Manual guidelines. Potential/actual threats to human health and the environment are evaluated for each applicable migration route, with a resultant "hazard ranking" for the site determined.

Sites are ranked on a scale of one to five, with one representing the highest level of concern, and five the lowest, relative to all other assessed/ranked sites in the state. The level of relative concern may be such that a recommendation of "No Further Action" (NFA) is made, and your site will then be removed from Ecology's Integrated Site Information System (ISIS) list.

For your information, Ecology will publish a notice in an upcoming issue of the <u>Site Register</u> that an SHA is scheduled for this site. This notice may evoke media inquiries. Likewise, the outcome of the SHA, either as a ranked site or a determination as NFA, will be published in the Site Register.

In addition to any required fieldwork, the following information will be considered in scoring this site:

- Ecology Northwest Regional Office Site Files
- Public Health Seattle & King County Site Files

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You are requested to submit any additional environmental information regarding this site to:

Mr. Carsten Thomsen Environmental Health Public Health – Seattle & King County 999 Third Street Suite 700 Seattle, WA 98104-4099

Additional data could include any environmental assessments or laboratory analyses which have been conducted regarding this site and which have not previously been submitted to Ecology. Every attempt will be made to obtain the most recent and accurate data for scoring your site. If you have better information or comments on the adequacy of the data we already have, please let us know as soon as possible. The final site rank and eventual site priority will be based primarily on the information used in the scoring. Your active participation in the assessment and scoring process is important to insure that only the best data available is used.

Fact sheets describing Site Hazard Assessments, the Washington Ranking Method and the Hazardous Sites List are enclosed for your information. If you have any questions please call me at (360) 407-7195 or Carsten Thomsen at (206) 296-4830.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Spence

Site Hazard Assessments Toxics Cleanup Program

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cc:

Carsten Thomsen, Public Health – Seattle & King County Judy Aitken, Ecology Northwest Regional Office