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Andy Carpinito
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Re: No further action necessary under state cleanup law for the following contaminated site based on Initial Investigation:

Site name: Carpinito 287th

Property address: 6642 S 287th St, Auburn WA 98001

Facility/Site ID: 35000 Cleanup Site ID: 17118 ERTS ID: 727515

County Parcel ID: 3522049046

Dear Andy Carpinito:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your report about a release of hazardous substances and report documenting your independent cleanup at Carpinito 287th on December 19, 2023. We have investigated the release and reviewed your independent cleanup, as required under RCW 70A.305.030(2)(d)¹ and WAC 173-340-310.²

Based on the investigation, Ecology has determined that a release posing a threat to human health or the environment occurred, but no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site due to a completed independent remedial action.

Ecology bases this determination on an analysis of whether the remedial action meets the substantive requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act, chapter 70A.305 RCW,³ and the cleanup

¹ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.030

² https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-310

³ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305

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regulations adopted under that act, chapters $\underline{173-340}^4$ and $\underline{173-204}^5$ WAC (collectively called the "state cleanup law").

Based on this determination, Ecology has added the Site to the <u>No Further Action Sites List</u>⁶ and assigned it Cleanup Site ID 17118. You can find information and electronic records for the Site on the <u>Carpinito 287th</u>⁷ webpage.

This determination applies only to the release reported on December 19, 2023, that has a completed independent remedial action.

Ecology bases this determination on the information contained in the following documents:

- UST Removal and Remedial Excavation, 287th Street Property, Auburn, WA. Bluestone Environmental, NW, Covington, WA. December 18, 2023.
- Email correspondence between Anthony Wenke (Ecology) and Dan Hatch (Bluestone Environmental NW). "RE_ 287th Street Property_ Initial Investigation information equest.msg" March 12, 2024.

You can request site file documents by submitting a <u>records request</u>. 8 For help making a request, contact the Public Records Officer at <u>recordsofficer@ecy.wa.gov</u> or call (360) 407-6040.

This determination is void if information in any of the listed documents is materially false or misleading.

Liable persons are strictly liable, jointly and severally, for all remedial action costs and for all natural resource damages resulting from the release or releases of hazardous substances at the Site. This determination does not:

- Resolve or alter a person's liability to the state.
- Protect liable persons from contribution claims by third parties.

To settle liability with the state and obtain protection from contribution claims, a person must enter into a consent decree with Ecology under RCW <u>70A.305.040</u>(4).⁹

To recover remedial action costs from other liable persons under MTCA, one must demonstrate that the action is the substantial equivalent of an Ecology-conducted or Ecology-supervised action. This

⁴ https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340

⁵ https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204

⁶ https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/reports/cleanup/nfa

⁷ https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17118

⁸ https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Public-records-requests

⁹ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.040

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determination does not provide an opinion on whether the action you performed is substantially equivalent. Courts make that determination. See RCW $\underline{70A.305.080}^{10}$ and WAC $\underline{173-340-545}^{11}$.

The state, Ecology, and its officers and employees are immune from all liability, and no cause of action of any nature may arise from any act or omission in providing this determination. See RCW 70A.305.170(6). ¹²

If you have any questions about this determination, please contact the regional Initial Investigation Coordinator, Donna Kirkman, at (425) 301-6080 or donna.kirkman@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Nick Treat

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Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

cc: Dan Hatch, Bluestone Environmental NW (danh@bluestonenw.com)

¹⁰ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.080

¹¹ https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340-545

¹² https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.170