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Sent via email and hard copy

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Re: Notification of Remaining Contamination and Environmental Restrictions

- **Site Name:** Columbus Square
- **Site Address:** 614 S. Columbus Avenue
- **Facility Site ID #:** 81593498
- **Cleanup Site ID #:** 6704

To Doug Frantum:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has been informed that you have a Right-of-Way on tax parcel number 04162157090100 located at 614 S. Columbus Avenue in Goldendale. Ecology wants you to know that cleanup actions have been performed at this parcel, which is part of the site listed above (Site). While Ecology considers the cleanup actions finished for the Site, contamination remains on the parcel, and environmental restrictions are in place to ensure the cleanup remains effective.

While you can continue to use your Right-of-Way, if your activities involve removal of the asphalt cover and/or digging into the ground, your workers could encounter contaminated soil and/or groundwater that could potentially put your workers or the public at risk. Because of the remaining contamination and environmental restrictions, Ecology encourages you to discuss any proposed activities at the property with Ecology representatives, so they can assist you in safely conducting your activities.

What are the Environmental Restrictions?

Environmental restrictions are rules about the types of activities permitted at a property that is part of a site. Environmental restrictions are outlined in a document called an environmental covenant, which is attached to a property title and recorded with the County.



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The environmental covenant for this property is enclosed with this letter and reflects that the landowner has agreed to restrictions on these kinds of activities:

- Piercing the asphalt or concrete cap;
- Removal of the cap;
- Excavation or digging through the cap;
- Installation of underground utilities under the cap; or
- Damaging or breaching the cap by application of loads more than its load-bearing capacity.

If these restrictions are followed, the cleanup will protect people and the environment from contamination. If these restrictions are not followed, people or the environment could be exposed to contamination. In that case, Ecology may rescind the cleanup completion decision, and repairs or additional remedial actions may be required.

Ecology will review this site every 5 years, as resources permit, to ensure the cleanup and environmental restrictions still protect human health and the environment.

Worker Safety

Protection of workers from contamination is very important. Before beginning construction or maintenance at this property, call your Ecology regional office at (509) 575-2490 and ask to speak to someone in the Toxics Cleanup Program. Ecology can help you understand the specific restrictions for the property and how to ensure any activity you conduct will be done safely. The included map illustrates the location of contamination at the Site.

Site History

Additional site history describing the contamination, investigation, and cleanup is provided at Ecology's Columbus Square cleanup site website.¹

Questions?

Please call Ecology at (509) 731-9613 or email John.Mefford@ecy.wa.gov if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



John Mefford
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

cc: Dave Banchemo, GHD

Enclosure: Environmental Covenant (#1166672)

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/6704>