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SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: No Further Action opinion for the following contaminated Site

Site name:	Four Corners Cleaners New Location
Site address:	23886 SE Kent Kangley Rd, Maple Valley, King County, WA 98038
Facility/Site ID:	5867
Cleanup Site ID:	12513
VCP Project No.:	NW3234

Dear Chang Kim:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your request on July 24, 2024, for an opinion regarding the sufficiency of your independent cleanup of the Four Corners Cleaners New Location facility (Site) under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).¹ This letter provides our opinion and analysis. We are providing this opinion under the authority of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), chapter <u>70A.305</u> RCW.²

Note: Ecology issued a No Further Action (NFA) determination to this Site on February 28, 2017. That letter is hereby rescinded. The site investigations supporting that letter are described in Enclosure C and in the first three documents listed in Enclosure B.

Opinion

Ecology has determined that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site.

¹ https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Voluntary-Cleanup-Program

² https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305

Ecology bases this opinion on an analysis of whether the remedial action meets the substantive requirements of MTCA and its implementing regulations, which are specified in chapter 70A.305 RCW and chapter <u>173-340</u> WAC³ (collectively called "MTCA").

Site Description

This opinion applies only to the Site described below. The Site is defined by the nature and extent of contamination associated with the following release(s):

- Tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, cis 1,2-dichloroethene, trans 1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride in the soil and soil vapor
- 1,1,2-dichloroethane, dichlorodifluoromethane, and chloroform in soil vapor

Enclosure A includes Site description and diagrams.

Please note that releases from multiple sites can affect a parcel of real property. At this time, Ecology has no information that other sites affect the parcel(s) associated with this Site.

Basis for the Opinion

Ecology bases this opinion on information in the documents listed in Enclosure B. You can request these documents by filing a <u>records request</u>.⁴ For help making a request, contact the Public Records Officer at <u>publicrecordsofficer@ecy.wa.gov</u> or call 360-407-6040. Before making a request, check whether the documents are available on <u>Ecology's</u> <u>Cleanup and Tank Search web page</u>.⁵

This opinion is void if any of the information contained in those documents is materially false or misleading.

³ https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340

⁴ https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Public-records-requests

⁵ https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5867

Analysis of the Cleanup

Ecology has concluded that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site. Ecology bases its conclusion on the following analysis:

Characterizing the Site

Ecology has determined your completed Site characterization is sufficient for setting cleanup standards and selecting a cleanup action. Enclosure A describes the Site.

In March of 2017, three soil borings were installed on-Site. Three soil samples were collected and analyzed for tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, cis 1,2-dichloroethene, trans 1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride. Fourteen soil vapor samples were collected and analyzed for the same analytes.

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (mg/kg)	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	0.05	0.067	2/3	3/3
Trichloroethene	0.03	none	0/3	0/3
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	160	none	0/3	0/3
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	1,600	none	0/3	0/3
Vinyl chloride	0.067	none	0/3	0/3

Table 1. Soil Samples – March 2017

Table 2. Soil Vapor Samples – March 2017

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Screening Level (µg/m³)	Maximum Concentration (µg/m ³)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	320	6,300	13/14	14/14
Trichloroethene	11	none	0/14	0/14
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	610	none	0/14	0/14
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	610	none	0/14	0/14
Vinyl chloride	9.50	none	0/14	0/14
Dichlorodifluoromethane	1,500	15,000	10/14	13/14
Chloroform	3.60	31,000	2/14	2/14
1,1,2-tricholoroethane	5.20	380	1/14	1/14

Note – dichlorodifluoromethane is a refrigerant. The source of the last three of the above analytes was not known and, except for 1,1,2-trichloroethane, was not further investigated.

In July of 2018, ten additional soil borings were installed on-Site. Forty-seven soil samples were collected and analyzed for the same analytes. Six grab groundwater samples were collected and analyzed for the same analytes. There were no detections of any analyte in any sample.

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (mg/kg)	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	0.05	0.053	1/47	3/47
Trichloroethene	0.03	none	0/47	0/47
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	160	none	0/47	0/47
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	1,600	none	0/47	0/47
Vinyl chloride	0.067	none	0/47	0/47

All three detections occurred in one boring (B-11) at depths from 18 feet below ground surface (ft bgs) to 24 ft bgs.

In May of 2020, four monitoring wells were installed on-Site. Thirty-two soil samples were collected and analyzed for the same analytes. Between June of 2020 and July of 2024, there were ten rounds of groundwater sampling from the four wells. The groundwater samples were analyzed for the same analytes. There were no detections of any analyte in any sample. Therefore, Ecology concluded that the groundwater at the site was not contaminated.

Table 4. Soil Samples – May 2020

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (mg/kg)	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	0.05	0.12	1/32	2/32
Trichloroethene	0.03	0.031	1/32	2/32
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	160	none	0/32	0/32
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	1,600	none	0/32	0/32
Vinyl chloride	0.067	none	0/32	0/32

Both exceedances occurred in one well (MW-3) at depths from 18 ft bgs to 21 ft bgs.

Setting cleanup standards

Ecology has determined the cleanup levels and points of compliance you set for the Site meet the substantive requirements of MTCA.

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Table J.	Cleanup			

Hazardous Substance	Method A/B Soil Cleanup Level (mg/kg)	Method A/B Groundwater Cleanup Level (µg/l)	Method B Vapor Intrusion Sub-Slab Soil Gas Screening Level (µg/m³)
Tetrachloroethene	0.05	5	320
Trichloroethene	0.03	5	11
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	160	16	610
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	1,600	160	610
Vinyl chloride	0.67	0.2	9.50
1,1,2-trichloroethane	320	0.77	5.2
Dichlorodifluoromethane	16,000	1,600	1,500
Chloroform	32	1.4	3.6

The standard horizontal point of compliance for soil and groundwater is throughout the site.

The standard vertical point of compliance for the direct-contact pathway for soils is 15 ft bgs. Soils deeper than 15 ft bgs are considered protective for direct contact with the contaminated soil.

Cleanup standard based on the soil-protective-of-groundwater pathway apply without respect to depth.

The standard vertical point of compliance for groundwater is from the uppermost level of the saturated zone to the lowest depth that could potentially be affected.

Selecting the cleanup action

Ecology has determined the cleanup action you selected for the Site meets the substantive requirements of MTCA.

The selected interim remedial action was air sparging – soil vapor extraction. These actions meet the minimum requirements for cleanup actions by providing a permanent solution, immediate restoration time frame, provides for confirmation monitoring, and protects human health and the environment.

Implementing the cleanup action

Ecology has determined your cleanup meets the standards set for the Site.

In August of 2019, a soil vapor extraction system was installed and operated from October 2019 until December 2023. Between October 2019 and October 2023, 18 rounds of the four sub-slab soil vapor sampling points were conducted (one sampling point was sampled twelve times). The vapor samples were analyzed for the same analytes. Following shutdown of the system, six soil borings were installed on the Site. Ten soil samples were collected from the six borings and analyzed for the same analytes.

Table 6. Confirmation Soil Vapor Samples – October 18, 2023

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Sub-slab Soil Gas Screening Level (µg/m³)	Maximum Concentration (µg/m³)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	320	190	0/66	53/66
Trichloroethene	11	4.48	0/66	29/66
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	610	none	0/66	0/66
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	610	none	0/66	0/66
Vinyl chloride	9.50	none	0/66	0/66

Note – analysis did not include dichlorodifluoromethane or chloroform. 1,1,2-trichloroethane was analyzed eight times in 2020 and 2021. 1,1,2-trichloroethane was not detected in any of the samples. Analyses in 2022 and 2023 included only the above five analytes.

Table 7. Confirmation Soil Samples – November 2023

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (mg/kg)	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	0.05	0.089	1/10	8/10
Trichloroethene	0.03	none	0/10	0/10
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	160	none	0/10	0/10
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	1,600	none	0/10	0/10
Vinyl chloride	0.067	none	0/10	0/10

The 95% upper confidence limit, determined by statistical analysis, equaled the Site cleanup level. As there were no exceedances of Site groundwater or soil vapor, Ecology concluded that the Site soil, groundwater, and soil gas had been remediated.

You must decommission <u>resource protection wells</u>⁶ installed as part of the remedial action that are not needed for any other purpose at the Site. Wells must be decommissioned in accordance with WAC <u>173-160-460</u>.⁷

Listing of the Site

Based on this opinion, Ecology will initiate the process of removing the Site from the Contaminated Sites List. The Site will be added to the No Further Action Sites list.

Limitations of the Opinion

Opinion does not settle liability with the state

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 opinion 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).⁸

Opinion does not constitute a determination of substantial equivalence

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 opinion does not determine if the action you performed is substantially equivalent. Courts make that determination. See RCW <u>70A.305.080</u>⁹ and WAC <u>173-340-545</u>.¹⁰

⁶ https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-160-410

⁷ https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-160-460

⁸ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.040

⁹ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.080

¹⁰ https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340-545

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State is immune from liability

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 opinion. See RCW 70A.305.170(6).¹¹

Termination of Agreement

Thank you for cleaning up the Site under the VCP. This opinion terminates the VCP Agreement governing VCP Project No. NW3234.

Questions

If you have any questions about this opinion or the termination of the Agreement, please contact me at 360-407-7223 or <u>christopher.maurer@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Christopher Maurer

Christopher Maurer, P.E. Toxics Cleanup Program Headquarters Section

Enclosures (3): A – Site Description and Diagrams B – Basis for the Opinion: Documents List C – Earlier Site Characterization

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¹¹ https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.170

Site Description and Diagrams

Site Description

MAPLE VALLEY BSP NO CD1409-004 REC VOL 268 PGS 39-43 (REC #20150203001083)

Plat Block:

Plat Lot: 1

Site Diagrams

Figure 1	Vicinity Map
Figure 2	Site Map
Figure 3	Cross-Section Index
Figure 4	Cross-Section A-A'
Figure 5	Cross-Section B-B'
Figure 6	Groundwater Elevation Contour Map 7/2023
Figure 7	Soil Vapor Extraction Well Location Map
Figure 8	PCE in Soil Plume Map 2019
Figure 9	Site Map 2012
Figure 10	Drycleaner Interior 2010







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MW-1	+	MONITORING WELL LOCATION
B-1	•	SOIL BORING LOCATION
SV-1	A	SUB-SLAB VAPOR SAMPLE LOCATION
SVE-1	8	SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION WELL LOCATION
VP-1	0	VAPOR MONITORING POINT LOCATION

NOTES

1. THE LOCATIONS OF ALL FEATURES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE

2. THIS DRAWING IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST IN SHOWING FEATURES DISCUSSED IN AN ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

REFERENCE

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FIGURE 2

SITE MAP

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APPROXIMATE GROUNDWATER GRADIENT DIRECTION (ft/ft)

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FIGURE 6

GROUNDWATER ELEVATION CONTOUR MAP 07/07/2023

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Enclosure B

Basis for the Opinion: List of Documents

Documents List

- 1. The Riley Group, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, September 30, 2003
- 2. The Riley Group, Supplemental Phase II Subsurface Investigation, December 7, 2004
- 3. The Riley Group, Limited Phase II Subsurface Investigation, July 20, 2012
- 4. Associated Environmental Group (AEG), *Phase II Environmental Site Assessment*, April 21, 2017
- 5. AEG, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report, March 14, 2019
- 6. AEG, Cleanup Action Plan, May 29, 2019
- 7. AEG, Technical Memorandum Soil Vapor System (SVE) System Installation, December 20, 2019
- 8. AEG, Technical Memorandum SVE System O&M and Performance Monitoring, February 19, 2020
- 9. AEG, December 2020 Compliance Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring and SVE O&M Report, January 19, 2021.
- 10. AEG, Technical Memorandum Cleanup Progress Report, January 3, 2022
- 11. AEG, Technical Memorandum Cleanup Progress Report, August 24, 2023
- 12. AEG, Site Closure Report, July 24, 2024

Earlier Site Characterization

Between April 1989 and November 1994, one existing borehole was sampled once and a second borehole was sampled four times, with all five grab-groundwater samples analyzed for benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene, and halogenated volatile organic compounds. Each borehole was sampled once for diesel.

In 1989, one well had detections of all five analytes. The other well had a detection of diesel but no other analytes. In the three subsequent rounds, the samples from a single borehole were analyzed for benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene, and halogenated volatile organic compounds. In all three rounds, there were no detections of any analyte.

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (µg/l)	Maximum Concentration (µg/l)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Diesel	500	4,000	2/2	2/2
Benzene	5	6.1	1/5	1/5
Ethylbenzene	700	2.7	0/5	1/5
Toluene	1,000	95	0/5	1/5
Xylene	1,000	230	0/5	1/5
tetrachloroethene	5	2	0/5	1/5

Table 1.	. Groundwater Sample	es – 1989
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In November 2004, fifteen soil borings were installed on-Site; soil vapor samples were collected from two of the borings. Three groundwater monitoring wells were installed on-Site. Twenty-nine soil samples were collected and analyzed for various combinations of gasoline, diesel, oil, volatile organic compounds, 1,2-dichloroethene, trichloroethene, and tetrachloroethene.

Six samples were analyzed by hydrocarbon identification for gasoline, diesel, and oil. There were no detections of any analyte in any sample. Three samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds. There were no detections of any analyte in any sample. Nine samples were analyzed for diesel. There were no detections of diesel in any sample. Five groundwater samples were collected from the three new wells and two existing wells and analyzed for gasoline, diesel, benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene, and halogenated volatile organic compounds. Halogenated volatile organic compounds were not detected in any sample. The soil vapor samples were specific to the original location of the drycleaners, not the new location, and are not reported here.

Table 2. Soil Samples – November 2004

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (mg/kg)	Maximum Concentration (mg/kg)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Oil	2,000	360	0/9	7/9
Tetrachloroethene	0.05	0.047	0/8	4/8
Trichloroethene	0.03	0.0019	0/8	1/8
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	160	0.013	0/8	1/8

Table 3. Groundwater Samples – November 2004

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Cleanup Level (µg/l)	Maximum Concentration (µg/l)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Gasoline	1.000	None	0/5	0/5
Diesel	500	4,100	1/5	1/5
Benzene	5	None	0/5	0/5
Ethylbenzene	700	None	0/5	0/5
Toluene	1,000	None	0/5	0/5
Xylene	1,000	None	0/5	0/5

Note – the data through November 2004 is for the property as a whole. It is not specific to the new location of the drycleaners.

In July 2012, three soil borings and two soil vapor probes were installed on-Site. Twenty soil samples were collected, with 16 samples analyzed for tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, cis 1,2-dichloroethene, trans 1,2-dichloroethene, and vinyl chloride. There were no detections of any analyte in any sample. Three groundwater grab samples were collected from the three soil borings and analyzed for the same analytes. There were no detections of any analyte in any sample. One soil gas sample was collected from inside the dry cleaners and analyzed for the same analytes.

Table 4. Soil Vapor Samples – July 2012

Contaminant	MTCA Method A/B Screening Level (µg/m³)	Maximum Concentration (µg/m³)	Number of Exceedances/ Number of Samples	Number of Detections/ Number of Samples
Tetrachloroethene	320	1,000	1/1	1/1
Trichloroethene	11	11	0/1	1/1
Cis 1,2-dichloroethene	610	none	0/1	0/1
Trans 1,2-dichloroethene	610	none	0/1	0/1
Vinyl chloride	9.5	none	0/1	0/1

Note – dichlorodifluoromethane, chloroform, and 1,1,2-trichloroethane were not detected in the sample. Laboratory report not available.