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Re: No further action necessary under state cleanup law for the following contaminated site

based on Initial Investigation:

Site name: A Plus Cleaners

Property address: 2885 78th Ave SE, Mercer Island WA 98040

Facility/Site ID: 100001584

Cleanup Site ID: 17194 **ERTS ID:** 735576

County Parcel ID: 531501326

Dear Wei Yang:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your report about a release of hazardous substances at A Plus Cleaners on December 9, 2024. We also received your report documenting your independent cleanup of the Site on December 20, 2024. 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.

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

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Ecology bases this determination on an analysis of whether the remedial action meets the substantive requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act, chapter $\frac{70A.305}{4}$ RCW, and the cleanup regulations adopted under that act, chapters $\frac{173-340}{4}$ and $\frac{173-204}{4}$ 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 17194. You can find information and electronic records for the Site on the <u>A Plus Cleaners</u>⁷ webpage.

This determination applies only to the release reported on December 9, 2024, that has a completed independent remedial action.

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

- Construction Completion Environmental Sampling Report. CDM Smith. December 6, 2024.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report. Farallon Consulting, LLC. May 23, 2018.
- Summary of Subsurface Investigation. Farallon Consulting, LLC. November 12, 2014.
- Summary of Additional Subsurface Investigation. Farallon Consulting, LLC. January 21, 2014.
- Summary of Additional Subsurface Investigation. Farallon Consulting, LLC. November 15, 2013.
- Phase I Environmental Assessment, Limited Phase 2 Assessment. ABPB Consulting. November 9, 2012.
- Memorandum: Limited Subsurface Investigation. Pacific Crest Environmental. June 26, 2012.

You can request site file documents by submitting a <u>records request</u>. For help making a request, contact the Public Records Officer at <u>recordsofficer@ecy.wa.gov</u> or call (360) 40117-6040.

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.

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

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/17194

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

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• 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 70A.305.040(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 determination does not provide an opinion on whether the action you performed is substantially equivalent. Courts make that determination. See RCW 70A.305.080¹⁰ and WAC 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,

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

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