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March 25, 2025

Daniel Malone  
Downtown Emergency Service Center  
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**Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:**

- **Site Name:** Stewart House
- **Site Address:** 1733 Belmont Avenue, Seattle, Washington
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 14787
- **Facility/Site ID:** 48336

Dear Daniel Malone:

On February 25, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Stewart House site (Site). On March 11, 2025, Ecology received your written comments.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that DESC is an owner or operator of property within the Site and thus is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. Based on this finding, Ecology has determined that DESC is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and clean up facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70A.305.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for DESC to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not

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limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70A.305.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Zak Wall, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Zak Wall at 425-758-5231 or by email at [zak.wall@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:zak.wall@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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