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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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Mr. Jeff Goold Equiva Services, LLC 10602 NE 38th Place Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Mr. Goold:

RE: DETERMINATION OF POTENTIALLY LIABLE PERSON STATUS

On April 27, 1999, the Department of Ecology sent you written notice regarding your proposed status as a potentially liable person for a release of hazardous substances at 631 Queen Anne Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

The comment period on this preliminary notice expired on August 5, 1999.

We have received and evaluated your comment letter dated August 5, 1999. Thank you for clarifying the relationship between Equiva Services LLC and Texaco Inc. ("Texaco") with respect to this site. Thank you also for responding on behalf of Texaco to facilitate a more efficient resolution of this matter.

Your letter accepts Potentially Liable Person (PLP) status for the two tanks on the east side of the property. Please note that the Department does not divide or allocate liability to portions of a site. See RCW 70.105D.040(2) and RCW 70.105D.010(5). Based on the information available to date, and in accordance with Chapter 70.105D.040(b), the Department finds that credible evidence exists which supports Texaco's status as a potentially liable person for the release at 631 Queen Anne Avenue North. On the basis of this finding, the Department of Ecology has determined that Texaco is a PLP with regard to the 631 Queen Anne Avenue North site. The Department has also determined that Mr. William Arnold is a PLP.

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW and WAC 173-340. Ecology's site manager for the facility, Brian Sato, will contact you to schedule a meeting with the Department and representatives of Mr. Arnold.

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Brian Sato at 425-649-7265.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Alexander

Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program

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