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Mr. Don Merlino
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Renton, WA 98055

Dear Mr. Merlino:

I recently received the results from the latest round of groundwater monitoring for PCE completed by the City of Renton. Fortunately, the results show that the concentration of PCE is now below clean-up standards in the wells on and near the Stoneway Concrete property. This is good news and seems to indicate that the measures taken to address the potential source of the contamination have had their desired affect. However, seasonal fluctuations in groundwater levels and flow can affect measured concentrations of contaminants. Because of this, it is the Toxics Cleanup Program's general policy to require four consecutive quarterly monitoring events with results below cleanup standards to confirm that previously contaminated groundwater is now clean.

In conformance with this policy and to ensure that the measured improvement in PCE at Stoneway Concrete is not just a transitory phenomenon, I am requesting that Stoneway Concrete commission three more rounds of quarterly monitoring (March, June and September 1999). For the purposes of this request, it will be sufficient to collect samples at wells MW-40, MW-42, and MW 31-S. Pending the receipt of a report compiling these results, I will refrain from placing the Stoneway Concrete site on the Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. If the four quarters of sampling confirm that the PCE continues to be below cleanup standards, then listing the site will be unwarranted. However if follow-up sampling shows the levels of PCE are again above standards, or if no additional sampling is done, I will be obligated to list Stoneway Concrete as contaminated.

Please respond in writing as soon as possible concerning your intent to carry out additional sampling. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 425-649-7233. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Joanne Polayes
Toxics Cleanup Program

