

**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 17, 2001  
TO: File  
FROM: Joanne Polayes *Joanne Polayes*  
SUBJECT: Discontinuation of groundwater monitoring for tetrachloroethene at Stoneway Concrete, Renton

Stoneway Renton's latest submittal of tetrachloroethene data from groundwater monitoring shows that it has achieved four consecutive quarters below cleanup standards. The initial rounds of groundwater monitoring, after cleaning out sedimentation ponds at the plant, showed a downward trend for tetrachloroethene concentrations. (The sedimentation ponds were the suspected tetrachloroethene source, although the company does not use tetrachloroethene in any of its processes.) I indicated that Ecology's usual standard for groundwater cleanup is that after four quarters below cleanup standards, the site could be considered clean. Stoneway continued monitoring on a quarterly basis, as the downward trend has continued. As of the December 29, 2000, monitoring event, there have been four consecutive quarters with tetrachloroethene below cleanup standards. Therefore, I gave my verbal approval for Stoneway to discontinue monitoring for tetrachloroethene at this time.

It is my understanding that Stoneway will be continuing monitoring at two wells for tetrachloroethene, pH, and several other parameters on a semi-annual basis to comply with City of Renton requirements. Ecology's Water Quality Program has also deferred to the City of Renton's monitoring requirements to address concerns regarding high pH in groundwater. Further, in a conversation today with Donald Merlino, President of Stoneway, he made it clear that it is Stoneway's intent to fully cleanup the site when the company moves in approximately one year. At that time, Stoneway will take down the buildings and prepare the site for redevelopment or sale, which will include environmental cleanup. Mr. Merlino anticipated that the cleanup action would likely be submitted for review under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Cc: Donald Merlino  
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