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Re: No Further Action Determination under WAC 173-340-515(5) for the following Site:

- **Site Name:** Cashmere Mill Site
- **Site Address:** 5500 Mill Road, Cashmere
- **Facility/Site No.:** 20168
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 11386
- **VCP Project No.:** CE0454

Dear Stacie de Mestre:

Thank you for submitting your independent remedial action report for the Cashmere Mill Site (Site) for review by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing this administrative option for cleaning up your Site.

This letter is an advisory opinion regarding whether further action is necessary to meet the substantive requirements of MTCA and its implementation regulations, Chapter 70.105D RCW,¹ and Chapter 173-340 WAC.²

Ecology is providing this advisory opinion under the specific authority of RCW 70.105D.030(1)(i) and WAC 173-340-515(5).³

This opinion applies to only the Property described here, which consists of the following parcel of real property in Chelan County:

- 231905110500

Based on our review, **no further action (NFA)** is required.

¹ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/dispo.aspx?cite=70.105D>

² <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340>

³ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-515>

The NFA opinion is based on our review of the following documents:

1. Cashmere Mill - NFA Request, January 17, 2025
2. Cashmere Mill - TEE Parcel 500, May 29, 2025, RH2
3. Cashmere Mill - Revised Site Assessment Report, May 20, 2025, GeoEngineers
4. Cashmere Mill – Remedial Action Report (without Appendix C), April 24, 2015, GeoEngineers
5. Cashmere Mill – Site Characterization Report, March 20, 2013, Maul Foster Alongi

Ecology has determined that the independent remedial action(s) are sufficient, and **no further action** is necessary at the referenced parcel.

The referenced documents are available online.

Investigation Summary

The nature and extent of the contamination have been properly characterized. The Site is defined by the extent of contamination caused by the following release(s):

- Lubrication oils in soil.
- Wood waste fill in soil.

Early assessments of the parcel identified only minor surface soil contamination from lubrication oils, with no petroleum contamination detected in test pits. Investigations indicated that decomposing wood waste on the site could generate methane, release harmful particulates, and produce leachate capable of mobilizing metals into groundwater and soil. In 2009, suspected soil contamination was discovered, and follow-up sampling confirmed a small area of contamination. Between 2010 and 2012, additional investigations were conducted, followed by the excavation of potentially contaminated soil during highway reconstruction. Subsequent testing in 2012 found no significant contamination; however, Ecology requested additional soil and groundwater sampling to verify cleanup and assess potential impacts to groundwater. Additional groundwater monitoring and site characterization in 2013 showed all analytes below cleanup levels. Between 2013 and 2015, a monitoring well was installed to collect further groundwater samples, and additional soil samples were collected. In 2021, site characterization focused on wood waste and potential contamination from hydrocarbons, metals, and arsenic.

Cleanup Summary

Removal of potentially contaminated soil was conducted during the Sunset Highway reconstruction in 2012, and additional soil removal on the south side of the highway was completed with all confirmation soil samples below cleanup levels.

Limitations

This no further action determination for the referenced parcel does not apply to any other release(s) or potential release(s) of contaminant(s) that may impact any other portion of any property impacted by this Site, or any other property owned or operated by Cashmere Mill.

Please note that this opinion is based solely on the information contained in the documents reviewed. Therefore, if any of the information contained in those documents is materially false or misleading, then this opinion will automatically be rendered null and void, and further remedial action may be required at the Site.

The state, Ecology, and its officers and employees make no guarantees or assurances by providing this opinion, and no cause of action against the state, Ecology, its officers, or employees may arise from any act or omission in providing this opinion. This opinion does not resolve a person's liability to the state under MTCA or protect a person from contribution claims by third parties for matters addressed by the opinion. The state does not have the authority to settle with any person potentially liable under MTCA except in accordance with RCW 70.105D.040(4).⁴ The opinion is advisory only and not binding on Ecology.

Project Closure

Based on this property **no further action** determination, Ecology will update the status of the Site and remove the subject property from the Contaminated Sites List.

Again, Ecology appreciates your initiative in successfully completing the cleanup under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). If you have any questions regarding this opinion, please contact me at 509-406-6959.

Sincerely,



Tavi Wise
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

⁴ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/dispo.aspx?cite=70.105D.040>