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Re: Status of Agreed Order No. DE 16576 and No Further Action at the following Contaminated Site:

Site name: Anacortes Former Water Treatment Plant
Site address: 14549 River Bend Rd, Mount Vernon
Cleanup Site ID: 13264
Facility/Site ID: 79423677

Dear Andrew Rheume:

Thank you for working with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the Anacortes Former Water Treatment Plant (Site). This letter provides written notification that the remedial actions required by Agreed Order No. DE 16576 have been satisfactorily completed and that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70A.305 RCW. The Order became effective on August 28, 2019. On December 10, 2021, the City and Ecology entered into a Consent Decree to perform a final cleanup of the Site. This letter also describes the removal of the Site from Ecology's Contaminated Sites List and the next steps for dismissing the Decree.

1. Satisfaction of Order

Ecology has determined the requirements of the Order have been satisfied. Ecology made this determination pursuant to Section IX (Satisfaction of Order).

The remedial actions required by the Order are specified in Section VII (Work to Be Performed) and detailed in the Cleanup Action Plan. The City of Anacortes was required to remove contaminated soil and remove buildings that represent a source of PCB contamination. After inspecting the Site and reviewing the supporting documentation, Ecology has determined that the remedial actions required by the Order have been satisfactorily completed.

2. No Further Action Determination

Ecology has determined that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site under MTCA. Ecology has also determined that no post-cleanup controls or monitoring are necessary under MTCA.

3. Addition of the Site to the No Further Action Sites List

Based on the no further action determination, Ecology proposed removing the Site from the Contaminated Sites List (CSL). Ecology published notice of the proposal in the Contaminated Site Register on June 12, 2025 and June 26, 2025 and provided a 30-day public comment period, from June 2, 2025 to July 1, 2025. No comments were received. After review and consideration of the comments, Ecology removed the Site from the CSL and added it to the No Further Action Sites List on the effective date of this letter.

4. Dismissal of the Decree

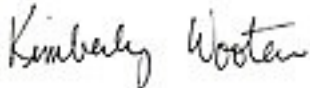
Based on the above determinations, Ecology has decided to dismiss the Decree. The Attorney General's Office will seek joint dismissal of the Decree in Skagit County Superior Court.

Upon dismissal of the Decree, Section XII (Retention of Records) will remain in effect for ten years from the date the Decree is no longer in effect. Sections XXII (Contribution Protection) and XXI (Covenant Not to Sue) will remain in effect in perpetuity.

5. Thank You

Thank you for cleaning up the Site. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ecology's cleanup project manager for this Site, Ryan Gardiner, at (425) 681-5543 or ryan.gardiner@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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