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September 18, 2025

Deputy Chief Nick Henry
Spokane County Fire District 10
929 South Garfield Road
Airway Heights, WA 99001

Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

- **Site Name:** Spokane County Fire Station 10-5
- **Site Address:** 9921 West Trails Road, Spokane WA 99224
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 17255
- **Facility/Site ID:** 87444813
- **County Assessor's Parcel Number(s):** 25181.0208

Dear Deputy Chief Henry:

On June 20, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Spokane County Fire District #10 is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Spokane County Fire Station 10-5[1] (Site). On July 20, 2025, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Spokane County Fire District #10 is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Spokane County Fire District #10 is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and clean up facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70.105D.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statue and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for

[1] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17255

the Spokane County Fire District #10 to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to $25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Bri Brinkman, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Bri Brinkman at 509-202-7869 or bri.brinkman@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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