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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mickey Dreher
TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC
913 Big Hanaford Rd,
Centralia, WA 98531-9101

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

- **Site Name:** Centralia Steam Plant
- **Site Address:** 913 Big Hanaford Rd, Centralia, WA 98531-9101
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 17302
- **Facility/Site ID:** 94772166

Dear Mickey Dreher:

On September 4, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Centralia Steam Plant facility (Site). On October 8, 2025, Ecology received your written notice accepting your status as a PLP for the Site and waiving your opportunity to comment.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that TransAlta Generation LLC is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that TranAlta Generation LLC is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup 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 statute 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 the TransAlta Generation LLC 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, Thomas Middleton, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Thomas Middleton at (360) 999-9594 or Thomas.middleton@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Marian Abbett
Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program, SWRO

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