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Ms. Danielle Gibson, Site Manager/Inspector  
Southwest Regional Office, Toxics Cleanup Program  
Washington Department of Ecology  
PO Box 47775,  
Olympia, WA 98504-7775

Re: Request to abandon monitoring wells and terminate the Consent Decree (CD)  
Consent Decree No: 08 2 11105 4

Site Name: BNSF Oil Pipeline

Site Address: East D Street, Tacoma WA

Facility/Site ID No.: 2923141

Cleanup Site ID No.: 1350

Ms. Gibson,

Based on the results and recommendations of the periodic review sampling conducted in September 2025 (Kennedy Jenks, 2025), BNSF hereby requests Ecology's approval for BNSF to permanently abandon and decommission the monitoring wells at the site in compliance with WAC Chapter 173-160. There were no detections of site-related contaminants above laboratory reporting limits in any of the groundwater samples collected during the 2025 sampling event. Groundwater concentrations have not been detected above laboratory reporting limits since 2011.

After decommissioning of the wells, the requirements of the CD will have been satisfactorily completed. BNSF therefore requests that, after BNSF reports to Ecology that decommissioning is complete, Ecology provide written notification that the requirements of the CD have been satisfactorily completed so that Ecology and BNSF can request dismissal by the Superior Court.

Should Ecology maintain that the wells need to remain for additional periodic review sampling, BNSF requests that natural attenuation parameters be removed from the sampling program. The data demonstrates that there are no groundwater impacts, and so natural attenuation parameters (used to assess degradation) are no longer necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss.

Sincerely,

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cc: Matt Wells, Foster Garvey PC  
Brooke Kuhl, BNSF Railway Co.

