



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Central Region Office

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March 9, 2026

Lorne Brown
Lovitt Mining Company Inc
PO Box 2479
Wenatchee, WA 98807

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

- **Site Name:** Lovitt Mine
- **Site Address:** 2493 S Methow Street, Wenatchee
- **Facility/Site ID:** 59213493
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 2746
- **Chelan County Assessor's Parcel #s:** 222022230050 & 222022310040

Dear Lorne Brown:

On January 20, 2026, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Lovitt Resources Inc. is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Lovitt Mine (Site). On February 19, 2026, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired.

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

The purpose of 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 70A.305.040).¹ 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 Lovitt Resources Inc. to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site.

¹ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.040>

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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 70A.305.050).²

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70A.305 RCW,³ and Chapters 173-340⁴ and 173-204 WAC.⁵ Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Justin Rice, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or if you would like additional information, please contact me at 509-724-8268 or Justin.Rice@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Valerie Bound
Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

By certified mail: 9414 8098 9864 3578 8080 43

cc: Ivy Anderson, Office of the Attorney General

² <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.050>

³ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

⁴ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340>

⁵ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204>