STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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ACCESS AGREEMENT

Between the
Washington State Department of Ecology
And
Spokane County Fire District 10-5

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Spokane County Fire District 10-5 ("Party") agree to the following terms and conditions of this Access Agreement:

1. Ecology is responsible for the investigation and remediation of hazardous waste sites in Washington pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70A.305 RCW and Chapter 173-340 WAC.

2. Upon reasonable notice (unless an emergency prevents such notice), Ecology may exercise the power to enter upon any property to conduct investigations of the release of a hazardous substance, and to conduct remedial actions (including investigations) to remedy releases of hazardous substances. RCW 70A.305.030(1)(a) & (b); WAC 173-340-800.

3. Spokane County Fire District #10 ("Property Owner") is the owner of real property located at 9921 West Trails Road, Spokane, Washington 99224 at Spokane County parcel number 25181.0208 ("Property").

4. The Property is either known to be, or has the potential to be, impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS contaminated groundwater was documented quarterly through Ecology's Area Wide Groundwater Investigation Grant in 2024. This assessment will serve to determine if contaminant levels are present in soil above MTCA cleanup levels.

5. By signing this Access Agreement, Property Owner grants full access rights to Ecology, and/or any authorized representative(s) of Ecology, for the purpose of investigating the release or threatened release of hazardous substances. This includes, but is not limited to: locating and marking of underground utilities; drilling of borings using a truck mounted drill rig; sample collection; site restoration including the patching of each boring. On-site work will likely be completed in one to two days. Any waste material or debris associated with drilling and sampling will be stored and secured in 55-gallon drums. These drums will be stored on-site at a location agreeable to the owner pending an evaluation of appropriate disposal options.

   ☐ Property Owner requests a duplicate of any samples(s) collected at the above property address during the time of access. Property Owner will supply the container(s) to receive the duplicate sample(s), and will pay all laboratory costs associate with the sample(s).

   ☐ Property Owner does not request a duplicate of any sample(s) collected at the Property address during the time of access.

Ecology will attempt to provide reasonable advance notice of entry by calling Property Owner at telephone number (509) 951-9017, or notifying Property Owner in person at least 24 hours in advance of entry on the Property.

6. The term of this Access Agreement shall be for the time period necessary for Ecology to complete all investigative actions involving the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Property that is impacted or is potentially impacted by the Site or for the period of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, whichever time period is shorter. The initial work is set to begin within approximately six weeks from Ecology's receipt of the signed Access Agreement.

7. Spokane County Fire District 10-5 shall defend, protect, and hold harmless Ecology from and against all claims, suits or actions arising from the negligent acts or omissions of its employees and/or authorized representatives while performing under the terms of this Access Agreement.

8. The Parties may mutually amend this Access Agreement. Any amendments shall not be binding on any party unless such amendments are in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party.

9. The Access Agreement between the Parties contains all terms and conditions agreed upon by and between the parties. No other understandings, verbal or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be enforceable on any of the parties.

Department of Ecology

Nicholas M. Acklam Date: 4/1/2026

Nicholas M. Acklam
Section Manager, Eastern Region Toxics Cleanup Program
Department of Ecology

Property Owner Representative

Date: 4/1/26

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