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April 22, 2026

Melisa Kegans
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Re: Ecology Approval – Extension of Submittal Date for LNAPL and UST Interim Action Work Plan Addendum 1 and Revised Remedial Design Investigation Report, Earley Business Center Site

Site name: Tacoma Port Earley Business Center
Site address: 401 East Alexander Avenue, Tacoma, Pierce County, WA 98421
Facility/Site ID: 9762715
Agreed Order No: DE 9552

Dear Melisa Kegans:

Ecology received an email from your consultant, Troy Bussey, Jr., Pioneer Technologies Corporation, on April 16, 2026, requesting an extension for submittal of the LNAPL and UST Interim Action Work Plan Addendum 1 (LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1) to be submitted under Agreed Order No. DE 9552. The LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1 is due on May 1, 2026. Because the Port team needs additional time to respond to our comments on the addendum, you are requesting a 60-day schedule extension to submit the addendum. Ecology grants the 60-day schedule extension. LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1 is now due June 30, 2026.

In addition to a schedule extension request for LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1, the Port team also requested a schedule extension request for submitting the revised Remedial Design Investigation Report (revised RDI), by including the revised RDI in the overall interim action schedule in LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1. It is our opinion that the comments we provided on the revised RDI are relatively minor and could be completed independently

of LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1. However, we have considered your request for additional time to submit the revised RDI. Ecology grants the Port a schedule extension for the revised RDI. The revised RDI is now due June 30, 2026, on the same day as LNAPL and UST IAWP Addendum 1.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (360) 999-9588 or sandy.smith@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Sandy Smith, PE, LHG
Cleanup Project Manager
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Southwest Region Office

Attachment: EBC Schedule Extension Request email, April 16, 2026

cc email: Troy Bussey, Jr, busseyt@uspioneer.com
Connie Groven, PE, Ecology, connie.groven@ecy.wa.gov
Ecology project file

Enclosure

EBC Schedule Extension Request email, April 16, 2026

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From: [Troy Bussey](#)
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Subject: Re: Tacoma Port Earley Business Center - Ecology comments on Earley Business Center (Parcel 1B) Interim Cleanup Action LNAPL Source and UST Removals Plans and Specifications, 90 Percent Submittal
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:24:46 AM
Attachments: [EBC Draft-LNAPL-UST-IA-plans-specs-Ecy-Comments-ltr_20260401.pdf](#)

External Email

Sandy –

As discussed during our 4/14/26 monthly call, I am requesting (on behalf of the Port) a 60 day extension to submit the draft IAWP Addendum that you requested for the LNAPL Source and USTs Removal IA in your 4/1/26 comment letter regarding the 90% plans and specifications. Thus, the Port team would submit the draft IAWP Addendum to Ecology by 6/30/26 (and ideally sooner). The schedule extension is necessary to (1) resolve potential issues associated with stormwater discharge requirements, waste management, permits, and substantive requirements for exempt permits, (2) address a large volume of miscellaneous comments on the plans and specifications that may affect the draft IAWP Addendum, and (3) prepare a satisfactory draft IAWP Addendum. If obtaining necessary permits and/or resolving substantive requirements for exempt permits require additional time that would affect the draft IAWP Addendum, the Port may eventually need to request an additional schedule extension for the draft IAWP Addendum pursuant to Agreed Order Section VIII.K.4.a.

Per your request in your 4/1/26 comment letter, the draft IAWP Addendum will include an up-to-date IA schedule, including the schedules for (1) responding to existing and any future Ecology comments on the RDI Report, (2) responding to existing and any future Ecology comments on the plans and specifications, (3) responding to any future Ecology comments on the IAWP Addendum, (4) submitting revised RDI Report(s), (5) submitting revised plans and specifications, and (6) submitting revised IAWP Addendum(s). Agreed Order Section VII.F.5 states that “performance of ... other interim actions, if any, shall follow the schedule set forth and approved by Ecology in the IA Work Plan(s)”; however, the existing IAWP that Ecology accepted in August 2025 (after public participation) does not include a specific schedule for revising IA design documents (e.g., RDI Report) based on Ecology comments. As a result, the schedule in the forthcoming IAWP Addendum schedule will be used for determining IA design document revision schedules (e.g., the next version of the RDI Report will be revised based on the IAWP Addendum schedule rather than the 30 days mentioned in Ecology’s 4/8/26 RDI Report comment letter that does not conform with the above Agreed Order language).

Respectfully,
Troy

Troy Bussey Jr.

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On Apr 1, 2026, at 4:01 PM, Whitener, Kim (ECY) <kiwi461@ecy.wa.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

The attached letter will be sent by USPS mail soon. To continue to provide timely service, we are also issuing the attached letter via email. *The letter is also available at [this link](#).*

Please reply directly to this email if you are unable to open the attachment, or if you need assistance to do so.

If you have any questions about the content of the attachment, please contact the signatory of the letter directly.

Thank you,

Kim Whitener on behalf of Sandy Smith, PE, LHG

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