



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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May 11, 2026

Alec E. Gores  
The Gores Group, LLC  
9800 Wilshire Blvd  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

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

- **Site Name:** COSMO SPECIALTY FIBERS
- **Site Address:** 1701 FIRST STREET, COSMPOLIS WA 98537
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 2375
- **Facility/Site ID:** 32

Dear Alec E. Gores:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) first sent a preliminary determination of liability letter on August 1, 2023. The Gores Group, LLC (Gores) provided a response on September 20, 2023 (the Response Letter). Based on additional information, Ecology sent a second preliminary determination of liability letter on December 22, 2025. Gores provided a response to Ecology's second letter on February 20, 2026, objecting to Ecology's determination.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Gores is potentially liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Gores 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 70A.305.040(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 has Cosmo Specialty Fibers under Agreed Order to conduct investigation and cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Ecology also has Weyerhaeuser under a separate Agreed Order to conduct investigation and cleanup at the site. Ecology will contact you regarding ways in which Gores may contribute to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at the Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter

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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(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Ha Tran, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Ha Tran at (360) 790-6276 or [ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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