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Re: Application rejection – Voluntary Cleanup Program

Site name: Swedish First Hill Block 95
Site address: 1115 Columbia Street, Seattle, King County
Facility/Site ID: 95447
Cleanup Site ID: 17469

Dear Hisham Elkhawad:

The [Washington State Department of Ecology](https://ecology.wa.gov/)¹ (Ecology) received your [Voluntary Cleanup Program](https://ecology.wa.gov/vcp)² (VCP) application for the Swedish First Hill Block 95 facility (Site). We appreciate your initiative and interest in the Standard VCP process but have decided not to accept the application to the VCP.

Reason for rejection and next steps

Ecology has identified in this section the reason for rejecting your application to the VCP and next steps for the site.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/>

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/vcp>

The Site is eligible to apply to the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency's Technical Assistance Program

We did not accept your application because the Site meets the eligibility criteria for applying to the [Pollution Liability Insurance Agency's](#)³ (PLIA's) [Technical Assistance Program](#)⁴(TAP). Sites eligible to apply to that program are not eligible to apply to the VCP.

PLIA's TAP provides services similar to those provided by VCP. This includes consultation and technical assistance on your cleanup and written opinions on whether your cleanup meets the requirements of the [Model Toxics Control Act](#).⁵

Contact PLIA for more information on its Technical Assistance Program at (800) 822-3905 or pliamail@plia.wa.gov.

Site listing notice

Ecology has assigned a cleanup site ID **17469** to your site, as the Site requires cleanup action. Therefore, we added this Site to our [Contaminated Sites List](#),⁶ as required by the [Model Toxics Control Act](#).⁷

We appreciate your cooperation in planning or conducting cleanup action at the Site. Moving forward with cleanup action does not mean an admission of guilt or liability. This early notice of Site listing is required under WAC [173-340-310](#)⁸(6)(b).

Please review Ecology's [Remedial Investigation Checklist](#)⁹ and [Remedial Investigation Report template](#)¹⁰ to help with your cleanup progress.

³ <https://plia.wa.gov/technical-assistance-program/>

⁴ <https://plia.wa.gov/technical-assistance-program/>

⁵ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305>

⁶ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/tcpwebreporting/reports/cleanup/contaminated>

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>

⁸ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-310>

⁹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1609006.html>

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Asset-Collections/Doc-Assets/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process/RemedialInvestigationTemplate>

Site information and records

You can access site information and online records for your site at Ecology's [Cleanup and Tank Search](#).¹¹ Online records include the SHARP report completed for the Site during our investigation.

You can subscribe online to be notified if Ecology uploads a document, changes the Site status, or opens a public comment period for this cleanup Site. To subscribe, visit the site's [webpage](#)¹² and click the "Subscribe" button in the upper righthand corner. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Contact information

We are committed to working with you to complete a prompt and effective site cleanup. If you have any questions, please contact me at 425-725-0398 or andrew.scott@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Andrew Scott

Acting VCP Coordinator

Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

cc: Julia Vidonish, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (julia.vidonish@geosyntec.com)

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¹¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/>

¹² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17469>