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June 26, 2026

Scott Hooton
Port Manager, Environmental Programs
Port of Tacoma
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Re: Final Determination of Potential Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

Site name: Tru-Grit
Property address: 1110 E Alexander Ave Tacoma, WA 98421
Facility/Site ID: 1206878
Cleanup Site ID: 1294
County Assessor's parcel number/s: 2275200292

Dear Scott Hooton:

On May 13, 2026, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Port of Tacoma is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Tru-Grit facility (Site). On June 12, 2026, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. As of June 12, 2026, Ecology had not received any written comments from you.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Port of Tacoma is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Port of Tacoma 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 will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the Port of Tacoma to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances

at this Site. 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(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, Valerie Chu, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Valerie Chu at (564) 669-0298 or valerie.chu461@ecy.wa.gov. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program, SWRO

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