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Re: Quarterly Site Progress Report No. 7 – October 2026
Ecology Agreed Order No. DE 22379
City of Anacortes

Dear Ryan:

Anchor QEA prepared this Quarterly Progress Report on behalf of the City of Anacortes (City). This report documents the activities conducted during the months of July through September 2026 in connection with the A Avenue Landfill Site generally located in the vicinity of A Avenue and 37th Street in Anacortes, Washington (Site). Remedial activities are being performed at the Site in accordance with an Agreed Order (AO) issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on February 7, 2025 (No. DE 22379). Anchor QEA prepared this Quarterly Progress Report in accordance with the requirements in Section VII.C of the AO.

This Quarterly Progress Report provides a summary of the following:

- Activities that have taken place during the previous quarter (i.e., the reporting period; July through September 2026)
- Results of sampling, tests, and other data received, including a description of any sample results that deviate from the norm and all final validated data received during the previous quarter (if not previously submitted to Ecology)
- Deviations from the scope of work and schedule, including a detailed description of any deviations from required tasks not otherwise documented in project plans or amendment requests, as well as any planned deviations in the upcoming quarter
- For any deviations in schedule, a plan for recovering lost time and maintaining compliance with the schedule
- A list of planned activities for the upcoming quarter (October through December 2026)

Actions Taken During the Reporting Period

The following actions were taken by Anchor QEA on behalf of the City during the reporting period and are relevant to activities being performed at the Site under the AO:

- On July 14, 2026, submitted the April-June 2026 Quarterly Progress Report.

- On August 10, 2026, provided an email update to Ecology on the alternative method identified and planned for installing remedial investigation (RI) monitoring wells.
- On September 1 to 2, 2026, attempted to install groundwater monitoring wells at all four proposed locations. Subsurface conditions encountered precluded the installation of three of the wells. One well (AAL-MW02) was installed in consultation with Ecology.
- On September 15, 2026, conducted the first quarter of groundwater sampling.

Results of Sampling, Tests, and Other Data Received

- Validation reports for April 2026 samples were received.
- Preliminary unvalidated results from June 2026 sampling were received.

Deviations from Required Tasks, the Scope of Work, or Schedule

- On September 1 and 2, 2026, provided phone call updates to Ecology regarding field conditions and discussed path forward for attempting well installations and completing well installation at AAL-MW02.

Planned Activities for October through December 2026

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities will occur during the next reporting period:

- Conduct groundwater sampling in December 2026
- Receipt of additional preliminary RI data and validation reports

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 715-2708 or jfitts@anchorqea.com.

Sincerely,



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