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March 4, 2013

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PROPERTY OWNER
3700 9TH AVE S
SEATTLE WA 98134

Re: Status Update Letter

- **Site Name:** WA DOT Signals Branch 7HDQ Site
- **Site Address:** 3700 9th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134
- **Facility/Site No.:** 60549963
- **Cleanup ID:** 9862

Dear Property Owner:

Your site is part of a group of historical sites previously designated as Reported Cleaned Up (RCU). These are sites where cleanup reports and or other documentation was submitted to Ecology by owners or consultants indicating to us they had "reportedly cleaned up the site" but did not enter the former Independent Remedial Action Program (IRAP) or current Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to achieve closure.

The Washington State Cleanup law (Model Toxics Control Act), requires Ecology to maintain a list of known or suspected contaminated sites (Hazardous Sites List). Based on available information in the department's files, the site above is listed as a contaminated site and is included on the Hazardous Sites List (HSL).

Please note that inclusion on the HSL **does not** mean that Ecology has determined you to be a potentially liable person responsible for cleanup under MTCA. However, this letter is a notification that an area(s) of **contamination exists** at this property. Further investigation or cleanup action is required to comply with Washington State laws and regulations. The specific issues at the site are:

1. Soil contamination above State regulations remained along conveyance piping excavations. Although groundwater was encountered, it was not assessed.

Because of considerable potential liability, please be advised to carefully consider any investigation or cleanup actions and to carefully document steps taken independent of Ecology's involvement. Guidance documents to help conduct an independent cleanup are available if you are interested in this option. In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware there are requirements in State law which must be met. Some of these requirements are addressed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(B) and -300(4). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout MTCA in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial (cleanup) actions performed.



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Ecology has a strong commitment to work cooperatively with individuals to accomplish prompt and effective investigations and site cleanups. Your cooperation in planning or conducting a cleanup action is not an admission of guilt or liability.

If an independent cleanup action is undertaken, and a formal review of the work is desired, a report may be submitted to Ecology through the VCP. This program was established in response to the public's need for Ecology to more rapidly review cleanup actions. A fee has been established to support this review process. Guidance documents to help conduct an independent cleanup are available if you are interested in this option.

As a government agency you may be eligible for an independent remedial action grant. The VCP is one of several options for cleaning up a hazardous waste site under the state's cleanup law. Upon receiving an NFA opinion from Ecology for independent cleanup work submitted through the VCP, local governments may apply for an independent remedial action grant from Ecology to help offset their cleanup costs. Grants range from 200K – 300K. For more information, visit our website at:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/rag.html.

We want to work with you to develop a cleanup strategy for your site. Please contact us to evaluate the options for the remediation of the site.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or if you would like a copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW (The Model Toxics Control Act), the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, that detail these requirements, or a guidance document, please contact me at (425) 649-7038 or rols461@ecy.ea.gov. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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