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CERTIFIED MAIL

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Kristi Evans, Park Planner
Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma
4702 South 19th Street
Tacoma, Washington 98405

RE: Completion of remedial activities under Agreed Order DE99TC-S138 –
Dickman Mill Park, 2423 Ruston Way, Tacoma
Facility-Site # 74734464

Dear Ms. Evans:

Satisfaction of Agreed Order DE 99TC-S138

Ecology has determined remedial actions required under the Dickman Mill Interim Remedial Action Agreed Order DE99TC-S138 have been completed, and the terms of the Agreed Order have been satisfied.

Metro Parks completed the interim actions required under the Cleanup Action Plan and Addendum (March and July, 2000) between August 2000 and January 2001. The Final Cleanup Completion Report (December, 2001) shows that the tidal channel and upland areas meet the cleanup action plan requirements. Surface sediments meet sediment cleanup standards, and the appropriate isolation caps were placed in the tide channel, lawn and plaza areas.

It was necessary to leave contaminants in place beneath parts of the wetland channel due to limiting conditions encountered during site construction (tidal influx, extreme debris and unstable substrate). These areas are capped with structural backfill soils and no visual evidence of petroleum contaminants in the tidal channel have been observed since construction. Ecology is satisfied that the work done meets the requirements of the Cleanup Action Plan and Addendum.

Ecology requested Metro parks to complete an as-built survey of the park, and decommission the monitoring well before we provide a letter of satisfaction for the Agreed Order. You provided a copy of the as-built survey and documentation that the well was decommissioned, and those items are in Ecology's files. A restrictive covenant for protection of the capped area has been recorded with Pierce County and can also be found in the site file. If any significant changes are planned for the site, that might affect the capped area, including removal of the pilings offshore of the site, you should notify Ecology.



This site will be flagged in Ecology's database of contaminated sites for a periodic review, as required under the Model Toxics Control Act, (WAC 173-340-420).

Potential for additional contamination

As we discussed in the past, other contamination is known to be present on the site. Offshore sediments contain elevated levels of copper and lead, and the "Cell A" area contains elevated polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons as well as evidence of oil contamination. Metro Parks should incorporate plans for remedial investigations and remediation of additional oil and metals contamination into its budgeting and design for future development phases for the park. Ecology recommends that Metro Parks consult with resource agencies and with Ecology well in advance of future phases to develop a coordinated approach to mitigation and cleanup needs. No development should occur which may preclude future cleanup opportunities (such as constructing decking over potentially contaminated sediments), without consulting with Ecology.

Please feel free to call me at (360) 407-6260 if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in this letter.

Sincerely,



Joyce Mercuri
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

JM/ksc:final closeout letter

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