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Mr. Bruce Sheppard Burlington Northern-Sante Fe Railroad 2454 Occidental Avenue, Suite A1 Seattle, WA 98134

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status,

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Comet Trailer Manufacturing Corporation, Yakima, Washington

On or before December 10, 2002, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice regarding your proposed status as a potentially liable person for a release of hazardous substances at the former Comet Trailer Corporation site. The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice has expired.

Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports your status as a potentially liable person for a release at the former Comet Trailer Corporation site. On the basis of this finding, the Department of Ecology has determined that you are a Potentially Liable Person (PLP) with regard to this site.

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW and WAC 173-340. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Krystal Rodriguez at (509) 454-7842.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Abbott

Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program

Central Regional Office

Washington State Department of Ecology

cc: Krystal Rodriguez