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Dear Mr. White:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located at Former Chevron Station 9-8944, 1323 Lee Blvd., Richland, WA, ERTS #C5510455

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation.

There was an Initial Investigation performed by Ms. Debra Kroon. It included the following: a review of the site file; review of an October 25, 1994 Environmental Site Assessment (Former Chevron Service Station #9-8944); review of a June 2, 1995 letter of Results of Environmental Site Assessment and Future Activities from Chevron U.S.A. Products Company; and review of the Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report, dated March 31, 2000. The report was prepared by Gettler-Ryan, Inc.

The letter received from Chevron U.S.A. Products Company dated June 2, 1995 stated that while no on-site source of contamination could be found, the company would go ahead with semi-annual groundwater sampling activities. This office has only received only the one subsequent sampling report, dated March 31, 2000. Review of this report indicates groundwater contamination levels still exceed MTCA Method A cleanup standards.

MW-1 has TPH-G at 16,200 ppb on February 27, 2000, an **increase** from 14,400 ppb as sampled on August 12, 1996. MW-2 has a decrease of TPH-G from 17,400 ppb in August 1996 to 7,500 ppb in February 2000. MW-3 has a decrease from 33,700 ppb on August 1996 to 30,700 on February 27, 2000. While monitoring wells 2 & 3 seem to be dropping in levels, I have concern for the increase in levels in monitoring well #1.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a listing of known or suspected contaminated sites. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be

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added to this information system. Ecology has determined also that a Site Hazard Assessment described in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-320 will be required at this site.

It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) which requires a report of independent actions. To the extent known, the report shall include: The identification and location of the hazardous substance; circumstances of the release; the discovery and remedial actions planned, completed, or underway. More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed. In the future Ecology may still need to conduct a more detailed inspection of this property, including testing for possible contamination. At that time we may assess the need for further action.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an engineering consultant with the appropriate environmental expertise. A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC, which details the requirements of the Act, is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please call me. My phone number is (509) 454-7842.

Sincerely,



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Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC  
Chapter 70.105D RCW

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