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Choon Kun and Bok N Cha 444 Melissa Street Richland, WA 99352

RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cha:

On August 28, 2007, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice regarding your proposed status as a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the following site:

Name: New City Cleaners

• Address: 747 Stevens Drive, Richland, Washington

• Benton County Assessor's Parcel Number 110981020600018

• Facility/Site No.: 327

The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice expired on September 28, 2007.

We have received and evaluated your comments. Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports your status as a potentially liable person for the release at New City Cleaners. Ecology finds you are liable under RCW 70.105D.040(1)(a) by virtue of your current ownership, which does not reflect a determination by Ecology that a release has occurred during your ownership. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that you are a PLP with regard to New City Cleaners.

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW and WAC 173-340. Ecology's site manager for the facility, Robert Swackhamer, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup at this site.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Robert Swackhamer at (509) 454-7840.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Abbott Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program Central Regional Office

ce: John F. Bury, Murphy, Bantz & Bury

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