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Mr. Gurmit Kaila P.O. Box 1417 Ellensburg, WA 98926

> RE: A Reported Release of Hazardous Substances at Big B Mini Mart, Ellensburg

Dear Mr. Kaila:

Under Chapter 70.105D RCW, within 90 days after a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment has been reported, the Department of Ecology is required to conduct an initial site investigation. Based on information gained during this investigation, Ecology will make a determination about whether a release has in fact occurred and a decision regarding the necessity and nature of future actions at a site.

As a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Ecology at Big B Mini-Mart, 1611 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, on October 30, 1990, the Department believes that a release of a hazardous substance has occurred and that further action by the Department will be required at this site.

A summary of the information used as basis for this decision is enclosed, as well as a copy of Chapter 70.105D, the Model Toxics Control Act, and Chapter 173-340 WAC which details the requirements of the Act.

Each member of Ecology's Cleanup Program is committed to working cooperatively with persons, so that together we may achieve an efficient, prompt, and effective cleanup.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW), the Department is required to send all owners, operators, and potentially liable persons (PLPs) an early notice letter informing them of the results of an initial investigation whenever the Department plans to take further action at the site.

Receipt of this letter does not mean that Ecology considers you potentially liable for the release at Big B Mini Mart. Furthermore, your cooperation with the Department is not an admission of guilt or an acceptance of liability.

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If you intend to initiate action on your own at the site, please be aware that there are statutes governing these actions and it may benefit you to contact our department before undergoing any independent action.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (509)454-7834.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures