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Mr. Balbir Singh
1611 Canyon Road
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Mr. Singh:

Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) has selected your site located at:

Big "B" Mini Mart (Exxon)
1611 Canyon Road
Ellensburg, WA 98926

to undergo a "site hazard assessment".

A site hazard assessment is performed by this office under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act. Generally speaking, the site hazard assessment activity has the purpose of determining if a release of contaminants has occurred, and evaluating the seriousness of any such release. The assessment gathers sufficient data (maps, well logs, samples, etc.) to identify hazardous materials and handling as might lead to a release, and identifies various pathways and potential effects of a release.

The site hazard assessment may result in the ranking of the site under the Washington Ranking Method (WARM). This ranking system is the means of prioritizing hazardous substance sites for cleanup.

If Ecology determines through site hazard assessment that cleanup is warranted, the site will be ranked and you will be notified promptly of both the status and the ranking score.

Field work on this site could begin as early as March 1991 and will be completed by April 1991. The site may require only a few days of field work, but I am anticipating that individual work tasks may stretch out the total elapsed time for field work.

A professional contractor will be chosen to carry out these site assessments and will certainly be considerate of your day-to-day operations. Field work could require the need to do a subsurface investigation which will present the need to use machinery such as a drilling rig to install wells/soil borings. Any information you wish to provide as to how we may proceed without interfering with your activities is certainly appreciated.

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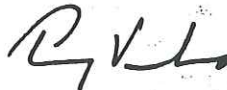
I won't have a detailed work plan and precise time schedule for several weeks, but we can certainly discuss general considerations and procedure. You can reach me by telephone at the Ecology office in Yakima (509) 454-4327, or by writing:

Tony Valero
Department of Ecology
801 Summitview Avenue, Suite 801
Yakima, Washington 98902

It is important that you contact me within two weeks so that those arrangements can be made which present the fewest problems and inconveniences. If I do not hear from you in the next two weeks, I will assume that you have no questions or problems with access if field work is required.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Tony Valero
Site Investigator
Toxics Cleanup Program

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