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July 16, 2004

Gurmit Kaila  
1611 Canyon Road  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Subject: Site Hazard Ranking Update – Big B Minimart  
Ecology Facility Site I.D. No. 386



Dear Mr. Kaila:

In August 1992, your site at 1611 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, WA, was added to the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Hazardous Sites List with a hazard ranking of 4, based on a site hazard assessment under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Chapter 173-340-320 WAC, and ranking under the Washington Ranking Method, Chapter 173-340-330(2)(a).

A site's hazard ranking is an estimate of the potential threat to human health and/or the environment relative to other Washington state sites similarly assessed and ranked. A site ranked a 1 has a higher relative risk than one ranked a 5. The ranking notification letter sent to you at that time explained that a site's hazard ranking is used, along with other site-specific considerations, in determining Ecology's priority for future actions.

The letter informing you that an assessment would be conducted at your site was accompanied by an Ecology Focus Sheet on the Hazardous Sites List (recently updated copy enclosed). It was noted on that sheet that a site's hazard ranking may change over time due to the addition of newly ranked, and removal of cleaned up, sites from the list.

Because of recent adjustments made to the Hazardous Sites List, your site now has a hazard ranking of 3. I am also enclosing a recent copy of the Site Data Summary for this site to show this proposed change, which will be reflected in the August 17, 2004 Special Issue of Ecology's Site Register.

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Please call me at (360) 407-7195 if you wish to discuss the specific rationale behind this change, or Dick Bassett at Ecology's Central Regional Office (509) 454-7839 to discuss cleanup options available to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent.

Michael J. Spencer  
Site Hazard Assessment/Washington Ranking Method

MJS: ms  
Enclosures

Cc: Dick Bassett, Ecology Central Regional Office, Yakima