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April 8, 1992

Mr. Don Alder Alder Chevron 1602 Terrace Heights Road Yakima, WA

RE: Site Visit of March 5, 1992

Dear Mr. Alder:

A site visit to the referenced station on Terrace Heights Road was conducted March 5, 1992 by Mr. Mark Peterschmidt of this office. He observed the excavation and removal of an underground heating oil tank and a dry-well from the premises.

The dry-well was constructed of stacked concrete drain tile, otherwise open to the environment. It received drain wastes from cleaning the shop floor. Solvents and antifreeze solutions were also reported to have been disposed of down the drain.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington), Ecology maintains a listing of known or suspected contaminated sites. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this information system. Furthermore, Ecology has determined that a site hazard assessment (described in WAC 173-340-320) will be required at this site. These determinations are based on visible soil contamination observed during the site inspection and other information available regarding the history of the site. Please note that the actions described here do not mean that Ecology has determined that you are a potentially liable person under the Model Toxics Control Act.

It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. Ecology encourages independent remedial actions (WAC 173-340-510) for quicker cleanups with less litigation. In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. Independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120 and WAC 173-340-300. 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 will assess the need for further action.

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A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW and the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, are available on request. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please contact me at (509) 454-7841.

Sincerely,

John Fahsholtz, P.E. Toxics Cleanup Program

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