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Ms. Dianne Sherwood
Executive Director
Port District No. 1 of Klickitat County
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Bingen, WA 98605

Dear Ms. Sherwood:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on Parcel No.
02132600000200, Dallesport Industrial Park, Dallesport, Washington, ERTS # 559994,
Facility Site ID # 8573210

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation.

I conducted an Initial Investigation on March 26, 2007, regarding the property referenced above. In an area otherwise covered by vegetation located approximately 0.2 mile east of Highway 197 and approximately 200 feet south of Dow Road, I observed a spot several feet across where the ground was light gray in color and contained no vegetation. The latitude of this spot was approximately 45 degrees 37.581 minutes North and the longitude was approximately 121 degrees 08.716 minutes West. On April 19, 2007, I collected a sample of the gray surface material. Analysis of this sample by X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry showed a level of copper more than 300 times the normal background level in soil and a level of zinc more than seven times the normal background level in soil. Copper and zinc are considered hazardous substances. The sample collection and analysis methods used were suitable to guide preliminary characterization at the site but were too crude to be considered the final word.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is made available to the public upon request and online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cscs/CSCSpagpage.HTM>. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this database because the appearance of the material and the screening analysis indicate that a release of copper and zinc has occurred.



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Please note that inclusion in the database does **not** mean that Ecology has made a determination regarding the identification of any potentially liable person(s) under the Model Toxics Control Act (administered under Chapter 173-340 WAC).

It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) requires a report of independent actions. To the extent known, the report shall include:

1. identification and location of the hazardous substance(s)
2. circumstances of the release and discovery
3. remedial actions planned, completed, or underway

More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC, which details the requirements of the Act, is enclosed.

If you would like Ecology to review the independent cleanup actions conducted and determine if the site warrants **no further action**, you are encouraged to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Information about the Voluntary Cleanup Program is available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>, or you may contact Mark Dunbar, CRO VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7842.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7840.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Swackhamer, PE
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW