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February 21, 1992

Mr. Jeff Loudon Maid O'Clover 202 South 5th Avenue Yakima, WA 98902

RE:

Early Notice Letter

Site Name: Maid O'Clover, #G-39-2039-000

Dear Mr. Loudon:

I am writing to send you information the Department of Ecology has gathered regarding the above-referenced property. Under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW) Ecology maintains a database of known or suspected contaminated sites. Based on available information and an investigation on January 31, 1991, we have added the above-referenced property to our database.

Enclosed is a computer print-out summarizing information which we believe reflects the current status of this site. We are making every effort to I encourage you to carefully ensure that we have accurate information. review this report. If you have any corrections, please send them and any supporting material to me at the above address. A legend has also been enclosed to help you interpret this report.

Please note that inclusion in the database does not mean that Ecology has determined Yakima Valley College is a potentially liable person under the Model Toxics Control Act.

We will be conducting a Site Hazard Assessment on this site, which may include testing for possible contamination, in the next few months. 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 could end with a determination that this site be placed on the state hazardous sites list with a ranking from 1 to 5 or it could end with the determination that the site requires No Further Action by Ecology at this time. After the determination, we will be better able to assess whether action will be needed and to establish a priority for this work.

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It is Ecology's policy to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. Cooperating with the Department in planning or conducting a Site Hazard Assessment or remedial action is not admission of guilt or liability. If you decide to proceed with an independent cleanup, please be aware to adhere to the requirements in state law. Please contact me for a copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW (The Model Toxics Control Act) and the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, which detail these requirements.

An additional purpose of this letter is to request from you environmental information which you may have regarding this site. Ecology requests that you submit environmental assessments or laboratory analyses which have been conducted regarding this site and which have not previously been submitted to Ecology.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may call me at (509) 454-7840. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Mark Peterschmidt

Toxics Cleanup Program

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Enclosures

cc: Tony Grover, Section Manager





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August 19, 1992

Mr. Jeff Louden Maid O'Clover 202 South 5th Avenue Yakima, WA 98902

Dear Mr. Jeff Louden:

The State Department of Ecology has recently completed a hazard ranking for the Control Act, (RCW 70.105D). This is a comparative estimate of the potential threat of this site to human health and the environment relative to other Washington State sites ranked at this time. A ranking of 2 has been calculated for your site, (1 = high, 5 = low).

For your information, Ecology will be publishing, as required, the ranking of this and other sites in the August 25th "Site Register." The rankings will be used in conjunction with other considerations in determining our priority for followup work.

A fact sheet on the ranking method is enclosed for your information.

For further information, please contact me at the Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 106 South 6th Avenue, WA 98902-3387, at (509) 454-7840.

Sincerely,

Mark Peterschmidt

Toxics Cleanup Program

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Enclosure