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SUBJECT: UST REMOVAL AT NORTH CASCADES GATEWAY CENTER, PROJECT #93-008 AND ECOLOGY UST #200625

Dear John:

After our conversation in early August, I contacted both Richmond Engineering and Engineering and Architectural Services in Olympia in an attempt to locate any archived records of this project. It appears that, due to the elapsed time since project completion, all records have been eliminated. Apparently, standard record retention for these documents is seven years.

I do, however, have a few project papers that address authorizing payment for disposal and shipping contaminated soil, as well as meeting notes referring to barricading the site after tank and soil removal.

As we discussed previously, I have been employed here since 1979 and can provide a limited recollection of the project that could be used as the groundwork to allow this site to be moved to the "No further action" file.

Another factor to consider is that, as you noted, the contaminate levels in the test conducted in '92-'93 were well below today's standards for mitigation. I can attest to the fact that the tanks in the old motorpool site were excavated and removed along with five dump truck loads of the surrounding soil. New fill was brought in to backfill the site. There also are no groundwater issues in this area and no wells exist within a mile of the site. The area was repaved at project completion.

Reference the other site by the Douglas Building where a diesel tank was addressed, the few notes I have indicate no contamination in '92-'93. They further indicate that, due to the possible structural damage an excavation could cause, it was recommended and approved to flush this



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tank and fill it with concrete. I do recall a tank truck being used for this purpose, but I have no record of the company.

With all of the positive factors that are available, short of the actual project documents, I would think it possible to reclassify this to the "No further action" file. When a final determination is reached, or if further action is required on our part, please let me know. I request that we be kept informed so we can meet any requirements that may arise.

If there is anything I have failed to address, or anything I might clarify, please call me at 360-856-3162. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Singleton", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Dan Singleton,
Facility Manager

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cc: Carrie Martin

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