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October 19, 2010

Mr. Michael Key
Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores
P.O. Box 26210
Oklahoma City, OK 73126

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located at Pilot Travel Center, aka Love's Travel Stops and Country Store
1512 Hwy 97, Ellensburg
Facility/Site ID # 18911356

Dear Mr. Key:

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.

An initial investigation occurred in November of 1996. A report received from Broadbent and Assoc., prepared by Terracon confirms that free-phase gasoline is more than likely still present at this site.

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/CSCSpag.HTM>. This site has been in this database since 1996 because soil and groundwater are contaminated.

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).

Ecology has previously provided this letter to Pilot Travel Centers.

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.



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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

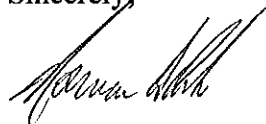
More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

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 Frosti Smith, CRO VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7841.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7837.

Sincerely,



Norman D. (Norm) Peck
Site Manager/Initial Investigations
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW

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