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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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December 3, 2014

BNSF Railway Company
c/o Mr. Bruce Sheppard, Environmental Manager
2454 Occidental Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98134-1451

RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On October 20, 2014 the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice regarding your proposed status as a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the following site:

- Site Name: BNSF Track Switching Facility
- Site Address: 500 Main Street, Wishram
- Facility/Site ID No.: 1625461
- Cleanup Site ID No.: 230

The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice expired on November 19.

We have not received comments from you as of November 19. Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that supports your status as a potentially liable person for the release at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that BNSF Railway Company is a Potentially Liable Person (PLP) with regard to the BNSF Track Switching Facility.

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and WAC 173-340. Ecology's site manager for the facility, John Mefford, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup at this site.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact John Mefford at (509) 454-7836 or by email at john.mefford@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bound
Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

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