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December 15, 2014

Independent Metals  
747 S Monroe Street  
Seattle, WA 98108

Subject: Site Hazard Assessment -- Independent Metals Storage Lot  
Ecology FS ID: 21489 / CS ID:12299

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans to conduct a site hazard assessment (SHA) of Independent Metals Storage Lot, 703 S. Monroe Street, Seattle, WA 98108, under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 173-340-320 WAC. This site has been on Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List (CSCSL) since 2012. I will be the Ecology lead for this assessment.

The purpose of an SHA is to gather information on past and present waste management activities and other basic site-specific environmental data in order to assess the site for its potential or actual environmental hazard. These threats to human health and the environment are evaluated for each applicable contaminant migration route, resulting in a hazard ranking determination.

Sites are ranked on a scale of one (1) to five (5); 1 representing the highest level of concern, and 5 the lowest, relative to other assessed/ranked sites in the state. Ranked sites are placed on the state Hazardous Sites List (HSL). Or the assessment may determine that no further action is warranted, and the site removed from Ecology's CSCSL.

In addition to any required fieldwork, a review of current Ecology regional office files will be considered in site scoring. The next step in this assessment process will be to determine if any new site-specific information is available from the site owner/operator.

Additional data could include any environmental assessments or laboratory analyses that have been conducted regarding this site and not previously submitted to Ecology. If you have better information or comments on the existing data, please contact me as soon as possible. If no additional information is received by Ecology, we will proceed with our assessment. The final site rank and eventual site priority will be based primarily on the information used in the scoring.



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Fact sheets describing Site Hazard Assessments, the Washington Ranking Method used in the assessment process and the Hazardous Sites List are enclosed for your information, as well as a copy of the Integrated Site Information System data summary sheet for this site. If you have questions, please contact me at 425-649-7136 / [dmus461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:dmus461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna Musa".

Donna Musa  
Site Hazard Assessments  
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cc: Ted Benson, Ecology ([ted.benson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ted.benson@ecy.wa.gov))