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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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December 18, 2014

Federated Insurance
c/o Mr. John Roach, Claims Supervisor
PO Box 486
Owatonna, MN 55060

Re: Further action required at the following site:

- Site Name: Pacific Pride Tanker Fire Site
- Address: Highway 2, Milepost 116, Monitor
- Facility/Site ID No.: 357
- Cleanup Site ID No.: 4757

Dear Mr. Roach:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received your report, *September 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Report for Whitley Fuel Tanker Spill near Monitor, Washington*. Ecology appreciates your ongoing activity at the Site.

However, contamination has persisted at the Site above state compliance levels for approximately 23 years. Although gasoline contaminant levels have dropped below applicable cleanup levels, analytical results show that benzene in groundwater has remained above compliance for the last five years.

Benzene is a known human carcinogen and is highly soluble in groundwater, thus it poses a risk to human health especially through impact to groundwater that may be used for drinking water purposes. We have also enclosed a map that shows the Site is within the 5 year and 10 year time of travel zones of a designated wellhead protection area. The pink/red color of the zones indicates a high susceptibility of potential impact to drinking water sources.

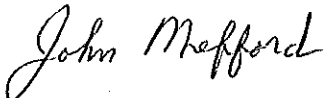
Long-term groundwater monitoring, by itself, is not an acceptable cleanup action under Chapter 173-340-360 of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Despite the interim cleanup action in 1992, monitoring indicates that the remedial action was insufficient to meet the substantive requirements of MTCA. Additional action is required especially given the nature of the contamination and the potential likelihood of impact to drinking water sources.

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We suggest that you enter our Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to move this Site forward towards closure. For additional information about VCP, please contact our VCP coordinator, Frosti Smith at 509-454-7841 or look on Ecology's web page at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7836 or by email at john.mefford@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



John Mefford
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosures (1)

cc: Mr. Ben Whitley, Whitley Fuel Company