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March 12, 2015

Whitley Fuel Company c/o Mr. Ben Whitley 1617 2nd Avenue N. Okanogan, WA 98840

RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status

Dear Mr. Whitley:

On January 23, 2015 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:

Pacific Pride Tanker Fire Site

• Address:

Highway 2, Milepost 116, Monitor,

• Facility/Site ID No.:

357

• Cleanup Site ID No.:

4757

• Hazardous Site List Rank: 3

The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice expired on February 28, 2015.

We have not received comments from you as of March 3, 2015. Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports your status as a potentially liable person for the release at Pacific Pride Tanker Fire Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that you are a Potentially Liable Person (PLP) with regard to the petroleum hydrocarbon and benzene contamination at the Pacific Pride Tanker Fire Site.

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.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bound, Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program

Central Regional Office

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