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Mr. Bruce A. Sheppard
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BNSF Railway Co.
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RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status, Railroad Roundhouse, Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On February 10, 1998, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) mailed to you written notice regarding your proposed status as a potentially liable person for a release of hazardous substances at the Railroad Roundhouse (Roundhouse) site. The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice, and any subsequent extension(s) granted by Ecology, has expired.

Ecology has reviewed your response. Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports your status as a potentially liable person for a release at the Roundhouse. On the basis of this finding, the Department of Ecology has determined that you are a Potentially Liable Person (PLP) with regard to this site. Additionally, based on the presence of PCE in the soil at the Roundhouse, the Department of Ecology has determined that you are a PLP with regard to the Yakima Railroad Area.

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW and WAC 173-340. Antonio Valero, Ecology's site manager for the facility, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with site cleanup and can be reached at (509) 454-7833.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Abbott
Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

cc: Mark Jobson, AAG
Antonio Valero, WDOE

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