



August 3, 2015

Mr. Paul Turner, L. HG
Voluntary Cleanup Program Unit
Washington State Department of Ecology SWRO
P.O. Box 47775
Olympia, Washington 98504-7775

RE: *Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Request for Review of Work Plan*
Holt's Quik Chek
400 North Pacific Avenue
Kelso, Washington 98626-3516

Dear Mr. Turner:

On behalf of the property owner of the above-referenced address, Associated Environmental Group, LLC (AEG) is submitting the enclosed document for review by the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The goal of the review is to obtain a No Further Action (NFA) opinion based on the work to be conducted and the Environmental Covenant (EC) to be filed for the soils remaining on the Site.

Previous subsurface investigations at the property indicated the presence of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes (BTEX), and gasoline-range total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) above Ecology's Model Toxics Control Act Method A Cleanup Levels. From 2003 to 2005, a bio-sparge treatment system was in operation at the site.

Groundwater sample results, obtained by Farallon Consulting in 2006 and 2007, revealed four quarters of samples below the MTCA Method A Cleanup Levels. This is documented in a report submitted to Ecology titled "*Final Quarter of Groundwater Monitoring, Holt's Quik Chek Site, 400 Pacific Avenue, Kelso, Washington, May 24, 2007*". In addition, the latest quarterly groundwater sampling conducted by AEG did not detect gasoline-range TPH or BTEX above MTCA regulatory levels. It appears that the bio-sparge treatment was effective in remediating the Site and that residual soil contamination is protective of the groundwater. However, because the latest Remedial Investigation (RI) determined that residual soil concentrations remain above MTCA soil regulatory levels, an EC will be required for this Site.

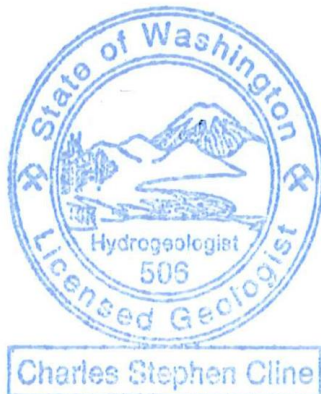
AEG is requesting an opinion on the work plan submitted with this letter and, subsequently, a “No Further Action” (NFA) opinion on this Site. Included for your review is the work plan with pertinent attachments for your review, and the most recent subsurface investigation report prepared by AEG for this Site.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request for review, please feel free to contact our office at (360) 352-9835.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: *Work Plan for Final Closure; Holt's Quick Chek*
Subsurface Investigation; Holt's Quick Chek