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Public Works Department
P.O. Box 519
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RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property at the following site:

- Name: Gold Knob Prospects
- Address: Circle Street and Dry Gulch Road, Wenatchee
- Facility/Site ID No.: 22496

Dear Mr. King:

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation.

On May 4th and 5th, 2011, Jason Shira, Ecology, conducted an initial investigation to estimate the size of the waste rock piles and collect X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) samples. Dimensions of the waste rock piles were estimated by measurement with a tape measure, pacing, and visual estimation of depth, Table 1.

Table 1

Location	Length ft	Width ft	Depth ft	Area ft ²	Volume yards ³
SR1	20	20	3	400	44
SR2	187	57	5	10659	1974
SR3	150	42	8	6300	1867
SR4	35	20	10	700	259
SR5	165	6	3	990	110
SR6	20	20	2	400	30
SRPowerLine	20	5	3	100	11
Totals	-	-	-	19549	4295



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Samples from the waste rock piles were collected along with soil samples from the surrounding area. The purpose is to determine if the concentrations of metals in the waste rock piles are different from area background concentrations.

Results from our testing show concentrations of arsenic above apparent background concentrations.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is made available to the public upon request and online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cscs/CSCSpag.HTM>. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this database because soil is contaminated at the site.

Please note that inclusion in the database does **not** mean that Ecology has made a determination regarding the identification of any potentially liable person(s) under the Model Toxics Control Act (administered under Chapter 173-340 WAC).

It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law, which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) requires a report of independent actions. To the extent known, the report shall include:

1. identification and location of the hazardous substance(s)
2. circumstances of the release and discovery
3. remedial actions planned, completed, or underway

More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance, you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC, which details the requirements of the Act, is enclosed.

If you would like Ecology to review the independent cleanup actions conducted and determine if the site warrants **no further action**, you are encouraged to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Information about the Voluntary Cleanup Program is available online at

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<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>, or you may contact Frosti Smith, CRO
VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7841.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7834.

Sincerely,



Jason Shira
Site Manager/Initial Investigations
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW

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