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November 17, 2015

Robert Zornes
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RE: Public Comment Response on Agreed Order

- Site Name: BNSF Track Switching Facility
- Site Address: 500 Main Street, Wishram (Klickitat County)
- Facility/Site ID #: 1625461
- Cleanup Site ID #: 230

Dear Mr. Zornes,

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) thanks you for your interest and the comments you relayed during a telephone call on November 3, 2015. The public comment period for the above-referenced site and its agreed order ran from October 7, 2015 to November 6, 2015, in accordance with the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Below is my summary of your comments and as well as Ecology's response to those comments.

Comments:

1. It's possible that buried piles of railroad ties exist on the west side of the current railyard area and possibly on residential properties formerly owned by BNSF but currently outside of the BNSF-owned property.
2. It's also possible that there is a subsurface presence of oil-like material within 15 feet of the ground surface on properties to the north of the mainline railroad tracks including the location of the current post office.

Ecology's Response:

1. The general intent of the proposed action for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study is to determine the nature and extent of contamination. We appreciate your comment and will share it with all parties to the Agreed Order to ensure it is appropriately investigated.



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2. Similarly, we appreciate the comment and will ensure it is adequately investigated.

I hope I have adequately captured your comments. Ecology appreciates your interest in this site. Please contact me if there's anything further I can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mefford".

John Mefford
Cleanup Project Manager
CRO Toxics Cleanup Program

cc: Ty Schreiner, Kennedy Jenks Consultants
Bruce Sheppard, BNSF Railway Company
Frosti Smith, ECY