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Northwest Slag Products, Inc.  
a.k.a Cascade Corridor Development, Inc., Company No. 600153522  
10860 SE 196th Street  
Kent, WA 98031

**Re: Satisfaction of Consent Decree No. No. 95-2-15301-1 and No Further Action at the Following Site:**

- **Site Name:** Slag Disposal Beckwith Property
- **Site Address:** South 218th Street and 90th Avenue South, Kent, WA
- **Site Number:** 1875
- **Facility/Site No.:** 2270

Dear Mr. Leon, Mr. Beckwith and Ms. Beckwith:

Thank you for working with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the Slag Disposal Beckwith Property Site (Site). This letter provides written notification that the remedial actions required by Consent Decree No. 95-2-15301-1 (Decree) have been satisfactorily completed and that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D RCW. This letter also describes the removal of the Site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List (HSL) and next steps for dismissing the Decree. The Decree became effective on June 22, 1995.

**Satisfaction of Decree**

Ecology has determined the requirements of the Decree have been satisfied. Ecology made this determination pursuant to Section XXVIII (Duration of Decree).

The remedial actions required by the Decree are specified in Section VI (Work to Be Performed) and detailed in the Final Cleanup Action Plan (Exhibit B) and subsequent documents.<sup>1</sup> Earle M. Jorgensen

<sup>1</sup> *Subsurface Investigation and pH Treatment Alternative Analysis*, Secor, June 12, 2002 and *Cleanup Action Work Plan*, June 2010.

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Co., Dennis F. and Shirley A. Beckwith, and Northwest Slag Products, Inc. were required to remediate elevated pH in groundwater caused by disposal of secondary steel slag. The secondary steel slag contained lime ash, which caused the elevated pH in groundwater. After inspecting the Site and reviewing the supporting documentation, Ecology has determined that the remedial actions required by the Decree have been satisfactorily completed.

**No Further Action Determination**

Ecology has determined that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site under MTCA. Ecology has also determined that no post-cleanup controls or monitoring are necessary under MTCA.

**Delisting of the Site**

Based on the no further action determination, Ecology proposed removing the Site from the HSL. Ecology published notice of the proposal in the Site Register on July 26, 2012, and provided a 30-day public comment period from July 27 to August 27, 2012. Two comments were received. After review and consideration of the comments, Ecology removed the Site from the HSL on August 27, 2012.

**Dismissal of the Decree**

Based on the above determinations, Ecology has decided to dismiss the Decree. The Attorney General's Office will seek joint dismissal of the Decree in King County Superior Court.

Upon dismissal of the Decree, Section XII (Retention of Records) will remain in effect for ten years from the date the Decree is no longer in effect. Sections XXII (Contribution Protection) and XXI (Covenant Not to Sue) will remain in effect in perpetuity.

**Thank You**

Thank you for cleaning up the Site. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ecology's cleanup project manager, David L. South, at [david.south@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:david.south@ecy.wa.gov) or (425) 649-7200.

Sincerely,



James J. Pendowski, Program Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program

cc: City of Kent Public Works  
Allyson Bazan, AAG, Ecology  
Robert Warren, Ecology  
David L. South, Ecology



# Ecology-Supervised Cleanups

Washington State Department of Ecology  
Toxics Cleanup Program

## STATUS LETTER CHECKLIST

### Instructions for Cleanup Project Manager:

- Complete and sign this form and draft the status letter using the applicable boilerplate. Do not alter the boilerplate without consulting with the AAG assigned to the site.
- Submit the completed form and status letter for signature by your section manager (if an order) or the program manager (if a decree).
- After the status letter is signed and sent to the recipients, ensure that the letter is included in the site file and uploaded into DSARS and that the site status is updated in ISIS.

### Step 1: Identify Site

Cleanup Site Name: Slag Disposal Beckwith Property	
Cleanup Site Address: South 218 <sup>th</sup> Street and 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Kent, WA	
Cleanup Site Number: 1875	Facility/Site Number: 2270

### Step 2: Identify Order or Decree

Consent Decree Number: 95-2-15301-1	
Date Effective: June 22, 1995	Date Amended (if applicable):

### Step 3: Complete Checklist

See the instructions on the back side before completing this step.

1. Have the remedial actions required under the order or decree been completed?  
 Yes     No  
 Have you checked with the AAG assigned to the site?  
 Yes     No
2. Have the remedial action costs incurred by Ecology under the order or decree been recovered?  
 Yes     No  
 Have you checked with Cost Recovery Coordinator?  
 Yes     No
3. Has the site been removed from the hazardous sites list?  
 Yes     No – cleanup not completed     Not listed
4. Do any other programs or government agencies have an interest in the status of the site?  
 Yes     No    If "yes," then cc: the appropriate program or agency contact. City of Kent.

### Step 4: Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct.	
Cleanup Project Manager Name: David L. South	
Signature: <i>David L. South</i>	Date: <i>Dec. 1, 2015</i>

