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Renee LaCroix, Project Coordinator
City of Bellingham, Public Works Department
Environmental Resources Division
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Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Satisfaction of Agreed Order No. DE 8073 for the following Site:

- **Site Name:** Eldridge Municipal Landfill
- **Site Address:** Within the 3100 block of W. Illinois Street, Bellingham, WA
- **Site Number:** 1897
- **Facility/Site No.:** 16195

Dear Renee LaCroix:

Thank you for working with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the Eldridge Municipal Landfill site (Site). This letter provides written notification that the remedial investigation, feasibility study, interim action, and draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP) required at the Site by Agreed Order No. **DE 8073** (Order) under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D RCW, have been satisfactorily completed. The Order became effective on November 19, 2010, and was amended on July 18, 2011 (Amendment). This letter also describes the next steps for the Site.

Completion of Remedial Actions Required by the Order

Ecology has determined the requirements of the Order have been satisfied. Ecology made this determination pursuant to Section IX (Satisfaction of Order).

The remedial actions required by the Order are specified in Section VII (Work to Be Performed) and the Amendment. The City of Bellingham was required to submit written quarterly progress reports during the performance of the Order; to prepare draft and final Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and DCAP documents incorporating comments from Ecology and the public; and under the Amendment, to perform an interim action to remove municipal waste plus contaminated soils at the site that exceed specified remediation levels and to dispose of them in an approved upland landfill. After inspecting the Site and reviewing the



supporting documentation, Ecology has determined that the above-described remedial actions have been satisfactorily completed.

Next Steps at the Site

The DCAP for the Site is currently out for public comment. After review and consideration of comments received during the public comment period, Ecology will issue a final Cleanup Action Plan (CAP).

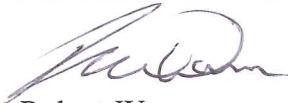
The CAP will be implemented in a consent decree (CD) between Ecology and the City of Bellingham that is also out for public comment.

The first deliverable under the CD will be for the PLP to design and implement the cleanup action for the Site over a period of approximately one year, with additional time to complete compliance monitoring as necessary. Design and implementation of the cleanup action will include conducting at least two years of groundwater compliance monitoring for arsenic and iron; additional wetland planting along with fencing and signage; designation of Especially Valuable Habitat; recording of an Environmental Covenant and preparation of an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan .

Thank You

Thank you for your efforts toward working to clean up the Site. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ecology's cleanup project coordinator, Mary O'Herron at (360) 715-5224 or by email at mary.oherron@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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