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September 24, 1998

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Mr. Michael Gallagher
Washington State Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 30310
Seattle, WA 98133

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Re: **EARLY NOTICE LETTER #N-17-5576-000**
WSDOT North Bend/Cascade Densified Fuel
45000 SE 140th St., North Bend, WA 98045

This letter is sent to you concerning information that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has gathered regarding the above referenced property. As part of the process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a list of known or suspected contaminated sites. Based on available information in the department's files, it is Ecology's decision to add this property to the list as a site known to be contaminated by hazardous substances.

Enclosed is a data summary report containing information we believe reflects the current site status. A legend is also enclosed to help interpret codes used in this report.

Please note that inclusion on the list does not mean that Ecology has determined you to be a potentially liable person responsible for cleanup under the MTCA. However, this letter is a notification that an area(s) of contamination may exist on this property. Further investigation or cleanup action will need to be done to comply with Washington State laws and regulations.

Because of considerable potential liability, please be advised to carefully consider any investigation or cleanup actions and to carefully document steps taken independent of Ecology's involvement. Guidance documents to help conduct an independent cleanup are available if you are interested in this option. In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware there are requirements in State law that must be met. Some of these requirements are addressed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(B) and -300(4). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial (cleanup) actions performed.



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Ecology has a strong commitment to work cooperatively with individuals to accomplish prompt and effective investigations and site cleanups. However, due to limited resources and requirements in State law, we are not able to provide all the assistance

requested. Your cooperation in planning or conducting a cleanup action is not an admission of guilt or liability.

If an independent cleanup action is undertaken, and a formal review of the work is desired, a report may be submitted to Ecology through the Voluntary Cleanup Program. This program was established in response to the public's need for Ecology to more rapidly review cleanup actions. A fee has been established to support this review process. Guidance documents to help conduct an independent cleanup are available if you are interested in this option.

If a cleanup action is undertaken and a formal review of the work is not desired at this time, then the information should be submitted to Ecology in order to document any assessment or cleanup activities. If no report is available, but work is in progress or anticipated, a letter describing these plans would be helpful in updating the site record.

If an independent cleanup action does not occur on this property, Ecology will conduct a more detailed inspection at a future time that may include testing for contamination. After that, Ecology will assess what action is needed and establish a priority for that work under the formal MTCA cleanup process. At that time, the potentially liable person(s) would be determined and would be responsible for cleanup costs, including State oversight.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or if you would like a copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW (The Model Toxics Control Act), the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, that detail these requirements, or a guidance document, please contact me at (425) 649-7233. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Joanne Polayes
Toxics Cleanup Program

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**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM
SITE DATA SUMMARY as of 9/24/98**

FACILITY SITE ID: 26445399

SITE NAME: WSDOT NORTHBEND

TCP ID: N-17-5576-000

SITE LOCATION INFORMATION

ADDRESS: 45000 SE 140TH ST

DEGREES MINUTES SECONDS

TOWNSHIP RANGE SECTION

LATITUDE: 121 44 39.01

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CITY: NORTH BEND

LONGITUDE: 47 28 31.47

ZIP CODE: 98045

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT #: 0

COUNTY: KING

TAX PARCEL #: 142308-9095-0

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #: 0

SITE STATUS INFORMATION

ECOLOGY STATUS: 1 Awaiting SHA

WARM BIN #:

INDEPENDENT STATUS:

STATUTE: 2 MTCA only

PROGRAM PLAN:

ERTS ID: N27754

RESPONSIBLE UNIT: NORTHWEST

LUST ID:

SITE MANAGER: NORTHWEST REGION

PROJECT CODE:

ENTERED DATE: 9/24/98

NFA CODE:

SITE UPDATE DATE: 9/24/98

NFA DATE:

SITE COMMENTS

Site leased to private party who uses it for storage/recycling of logging equip & soil storage & recycling. Stained soil, leaking containers observed. Alleged buried material. Cleanup report never rec'd.

AFFECTED MEDIA AND CONTAMINANTS INFORMATION

MEDIA	STATUS	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	#16	#17	DW TYPE:
4 Soil	S			S				S											

AFFECTED MEDIA AND CONTAMINANTS LEGEND

#1 = Base/Neutral Organics
#2 = Halogenated Organic Compounds
#3 = Metals-Priority Pollutants
#4 = Metals-Other
#5 = PCB
#6 = Pesticides

#7 = Petroleum Products
#8 = Phenolic Compounds
#9 = Non-Halogenated Solvents
#10 = Dioxins
#11 = PAH
#12 = Reactive Wastes

#13 = Corrosive Wastes
#14 = Radioactive Wastes
#15 = Conventional Contaminants, Organic
#16 = Conventional Contaminants, Inorganic
#17 = Asbestos