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January 6, 2012

Mr. Bruce Sheppard
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
2454 Occidental Ave. S.
Seattle, WA 98134-1451

RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On June 27, 2011 the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice regarding your proposed status as a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the following site:

- Name: Big B Mini Mart
- Address: 1611 Canyon Road, Ellensburg
- Assessor's Parcel N.: 17465
- Facility/Site No.: 386

The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice expired on July 27, 2011.

We have not received comments from you as of December 20, 2011. Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports your status as a potentially liable person for the release at Big B Mini Mart Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that you are a Potentially Liable Person (PLP) with regard to Big B Mini Mart Site.

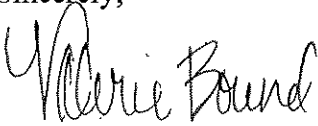
Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and WAC 173-340. Ecology's site manager for the facility Norman D. (Norm) Peck, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup at this site.



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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Norm Peck at 509-454-7837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Bound".

Valerie Bound
Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Regional Office

By certified mail: 7009 2250 0004 4951 2185

cc Mr. Gurmit Singh Kaila
Short Stop, LLC, Attn. Mr. Gurinder "Gary" Bains