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Ms. Laura Jaecks
Port of Chelan County
238 Technology Center Way, Ste. 102
Wenatchee, WA 98801

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located
at Sunset Highway and Mill Road, Cashmere
ERTS # 618571
Facility/Site ID # 20168

Dear Ms. Jaecks:

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation.

Ecology received a letter dated November 10, 2009, from you concerning an environmental assessment at Cashmere Mill Site. The *Contamination Assessment Letter* provided limited characterization of two (2) sites (Sunset Highway and Mill Road) that have petroleum hydrocarbons in the soil. The Sunset Highway site has petroleum-impacted soil above MTCA Method A Cleanup Standards.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is available to the public upon request and online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cscs/CSCSpagpage.HTM>. Ecology has decided to add the above-referenced property to this database because of soil contamination at the site.

Please note that inclusion in the database does **not** mean that Ecology has made a determination regarding the identification of any potentially liable person(s) under the Model Toxics Control Act (administered under Chapter 173-340 WAC).

It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively



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through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

State law requires that independent cleanup report independent actions, WAC 173-340-300(4). To the extent known, the report shall include:

1. Identification and location of the hazardous substance(s).
2. Circumstances of the release and discovery.
3. Remedial actions planned, completed, or underway.

WAC 173-340-120(8)(b) discusses requirements of independent cleanup actions. Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. Ecology advises hiring an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise to provide technical assistance. A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC, which details the requirements of the Act, is enclosed.

If you would like Ecology to review the independent cleanup actions conducted and determine if the site warrants **no further action**, you are encouraged to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Information about the Voluntary Cleanup Program is available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>, or you may contact Frosti Smith, CRO VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7841.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7834.

Sincerely,



Jason Shira
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW

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