

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 29, 2011

Mr. Sean Mallon PacLand 1505 Westlake Avenue N Seattle, WA 98109

RE: Proposed Remedial Action – Limited Shallow Soil Sampling – Landscaped Areas

Address: Wal-Mart Store 2187, 2000 Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee

Facility Site ID No.: 232028340050

VCP No.: CE0323

Address: Tesoro West Coast Co Mirastar, 2002 Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee

Facility Site ID No.: 23971497 UST No.: 567035

Dear Mr. Mallon:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a request for an opinion on the independent cleanup of the Wal-Mart Store 2187 and Tesoro West Coast Co. Mirastar facilities (Site) in Wenatchee, WA. This request was received on April 6, 2011 in a March 28, 2011 letter and was accompanied by a March 29, 2011 Limited Shallow Sampling report, both prepared by Terracon Consultants, Inc. on behalf of PacLand. These documents provide additional information on soil sampling results and recommended cleanup actions in landscaped portions of the Site. Thank you for your submittal on the ongoing remedial action activities for the Site.

Ecology understood that as part of the ongoing expansion construction and cleanup, and with respect to Site landscaped areas, Wal-Mart proposed to construct an engineered cap (geotextile fabric overlain by 1 foot clean soil) in order to prevent exposure. Preliminary communications between Ecology, Terracon (Sean Donnan, John Eiverson), and PacLand (Lance Adams) were conducted on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. At that time Ecology agreed that the above-referenced proposal was consistent with Ecology's regulations and guidance and informally approved a minimum clean soil thickness of 1 foot. Although construction has already begun, this letter more formally documents Ecology's approval.

Based on review of the above-referenced documents, Wal-Mart's soil sampling to date appears to be sufficient for delineation of these landscaped areas. In addition, the proposed cap design is



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consistent with Wal-Mart's previously proposed cleanup plan, with the exception of the minimum clean soil thickness discussed above. Please refer to Ecology's formal review (opinion letter dated August 26, 2010) of Wal-Mart's overall cleanup approach, as Ecology's comments still apply. Ecology believes the proposed work will aid in the ultimate goal of achieving a site cleanup that would adequately address exposure pathways. Submittal requirements outlined in the August 26, 2010 opinion letter will be required in order for Ecology to evaluate the administrative goal of a "No Further Action" determination.

Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing cleanup for this Site. Please contact me at (509) 454-7833 or laura.klasner@ecy.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mr. Sean Donnan, Principal, Terracon Consultants, Inc.