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Washington Dept of Natural Resources
Division of Lands and Minerals
PO Box 47021
Olympia WA 98504

Re: Site Hazard Assessment – Sheridan Mine
Ecology Facility Site I.D. No.: 5672082

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) will conduct a site hazard assessment (SHA) of the Sheridan Mine site, located in Wauconda, under the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 173-340-320 WAC. This site has been on Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites (CSCS) Report since May 30, 1995. I will be the Ecology lead for this SHA. Doug Hale, of the Okanogan County Public Health District, will conduct the SHA.

The purpose of an SHA is to gather information on past and present waste management activities, along with other basic site-specific environmental data, in order to score the site following the Washington Ranking Method (WARM) Scoring Manual guidelines. Potential and actual threats to human health and the environment are evaluated for each applicable migration route, with a resultant "hazard ranking" for the site determined.

Sites are ranked on a scale of one (1) to five (5), with 1 representing the highest concern, and 5 the lowest, relative to all other assessed and ranked sites in the state. Ranked sites are then placed on a state-wide Hazardous Sites List (HSL). If there is little or no relative concern a recommendation of "No Further Action" (NFA) can be made. Your site will then be removed from Ecology's CSCS Report.

Ecology will publish a notice in an upcoming issue of the *Site Register* that an SHA is scheduled for this site. The *Site Register*, a semi-monthly publication, provides updated general information about cleanup-related activities. This notice may evoke outside inquiries. The SHA outcome, either as a ranked site or a determination as NFA, will also be published in the *Site Register*.

In addition to any required fieldwork, the following information will be considered in scoring



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this site:

- Ecology Central Regional Office Site Files
- Okanogan County Public Health District Site Files

Following review of current Ecology regional office files, the next step in this assessment is to acquire additional site-specific information, if available, from the site owner/operator.

Additional data could include environmental assessments or laboratory analyses which have been conducted regarding this site, but not previously submitted to Ecology. Every attempt will be made to obtain the most recent and accurate data for scoring your site. If you have better information or comments on the adequacy of the data, please contact Ecology as soon as possible. The final site rank and eventual site priority will be based primarily on the information used in the scoring. Your active participation in the assessment and scoring process is important to ensure the best information available is used.

An ISIS Site Data Summary sheet and fact sheets describing SHAs, WARM, and the HSL are enclosed. If you have questions please contact me by phone or email at (360) 407-6683, or Ted.Benson@ecy.wa.gov. Or contact Doug Hale at (509) 422-7141, or dhale@co.okanogan.wa.us.

Sincerely,



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Site Hazard Assessments
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Enclosures

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