

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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March 6, 2017

Ms. Kiandra Jacobsen UW Neighborhood Clinics 1455 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Issaquah, WA 98027

Re: Ecology response to comments on Agreed Order No. 13815 – Chevron 90129 Cleanup Site located at 4700 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA

Dear Ms. Jacobsen:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates you taking the time to comment on the Draft Agreed Order for the Chevron 90129 Cleanup Site. From December 2, 2016 through January 3, 2017, Ecology held the Public Comment period for the Draft Agreed Order. Ecology received your email comment on December 5, 2016. The Agreed Order was signed and finalized by Ecology on January 11, 2017.

In your comment you expressed concerns that the contamination was toxic to humans and animals that eat garden plants. Since the contamination is more than 10 feet below the ground surface and covered by either a concrete or black top surface it is unlikely that humans or animals or the roots of garden plants would come into contact with the contamination.

You also expressed your concern about how long it has taken to begin the Site cleanup. The cleanup law (the Model Toxics Control Act) allows that parties such as Chevron and FH Brooklyn LLC, can cleanup sites independently and within their own time frame. There are many sites like this gas station that represent a lower human health risk but need to be cleaned up. It is not unusual for the process to take years. Some work at this Site was performed in early 1990. Ecology is now working with the parties to complete the cleanup and restore the Site.

It is Ecology's plan to successfully remediate this Site of all contamination.

Thank you again for taking your time to comment on the cleanup process of a contaminated site in your neighborhood. Ecology will include your comment and this response in the Responsive Summary Report available at:

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https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/CleanupSiteDocuments.aspx?csid=10632

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If you have any questions regarding the cleanup of the site, please contact me at (425) 649-4446.

Sincerely,

Dale Myers

Project Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program