

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 26, 2017

## **Electronic Copy**

Aaron Wilcox, Present Wilson Oil, Inc. (dba Wilcox & Flegel Oil Company) 95 Panel Way Longview, WA 98632

Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

• Site Name: Port of Longview

• Site Address: 10 Port Way, Longview, WA 98632

Cleanup Site ID: 9152Facility/Site ID: 42978181

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

On January 10, 2017, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Wilson Oil, Inc. is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Port of Longview facility (Site). On April 25, 2017, the comment period on our preliminary determination expired. On April 25, 2017, Ecology received your written notice accepting your status as a PLP for the Site and waiving your opportunity to comment.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Wilson Oil, Inc. is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Wilson Oil, Inc. is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70.105D.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statue and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the Wilson Oil, Inc. to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate.

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This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Matthew Morris, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Matthew Morris at (360) 407-7529 or Matthew.Morris@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely.

Rebecca S. Lawson, P.E., LHG

Southwest Regional Office Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosure (2) Expectation Letter with General Standards of Work

By certified mail: [91 7199 9991 7037 0291 6081]

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**Ecology Site File**