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March 29, 2012

Kenneth and Diane Sasse  
277A Haygood Cutoff Road  
Tonasket, WA 98855

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sasse:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances at:  
Site address: 277A Haygood Cutoff Road, Tonasket  
ERTS No.: 627851  
Facility/Site ID No.: 1804  
Cleanup Site ID No.: 11805

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 investigation.

An Initial Investigation (II) was conducted on July 22, 2011 by an employee of the Okanogan County Public Health office. He observed oil staining patterns in a driveway, and collected soil samples from the driveway. Analyses of the soil samples revealed concentrations of diesel and heavy oil range petroleum hydrocarbons that exceed Ecology's Method A Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Levels. In addition, the investigator noted areas of very black oil-stained soil adjacent to the metal shop building on your property.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is made available to the public upon request and online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cscs/CSCSpage.HTM>. Your site has been added to this database because soil is contaminated 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.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) requires a report of independent actions. 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

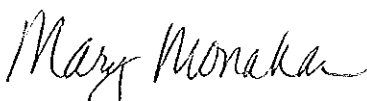
More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. 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) 454-7840.

Sincerely,



Mary Monahan  
Site Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC  
Chapter 70.105D RCW

By certified mail: 7009 2250 0004 4951 2383