

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 29, 2017

Ms. Cheryl Cameron **Property Specialist** Chevron Environmental Management Company 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd, C2116 San Ramon, CA 94583

Re:

Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following

Contaminated Site:

Site Name:

Chevron Station 98944

Site Address:

1323 Lee Boulevard, Richland

Facility/Site ID No.: 27223439

Cleanup Site ID No.: 5798

Dear Ms. Cameron:

This correspondence is the official notice by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) of our determination of Chevron Environmental Management Company's (Chevron) status as a potentially liable person (PLP) for the Chevron Station 98944 site (Site).

On September 8, 2017, Ecology sent you a written notice of our preliminary determination that Chevron is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. Chevron accepted the status of PLP for the site in a letter dated November 8, 2017.

Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports the status of Chevron as a potentially liable person for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Chevron 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.

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Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for Chevron to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at the 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. 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, Frank Winslow will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Frank Winslow at (509) 454-7835 or frank.winslow@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bound Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program, Central Region Office

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