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Mr. Brett Hunter
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Dear Mr. Hunter:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located at Chevron Service Station 9-6590, 232 Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA, ERTS #C524350

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 Initial Investigation.

An Initial Investigation (II) was completed on February 19, 2002 by Ms. Krystal Rodriguez. The II consisted of a review of a March 8, 2002 phone call and the following site file documents:

- (1) March 8, 2002 phone conversation between Mr. Richard Bassett (Ecology) and Mr. Hagop Kevork (Gettler-Ryan Inc.).
- (2) Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. submittal (January 28, 2002) to Mr. Brett Hunter (Chevron Products Company).
- (3) Gettler-Ryan Inc. submittal (December 18, 2001) to Mr. Brett Hunter (Chevron Products Company).
- (4) RZA-AGRA submittal (December 27, 1993) to Mr. P.R. Briggs (Chevron Products Company).
- (5) Known well logs in 2 mile diameter of the service station (Ecology database).
- (6) Older site submittals in Ecology's files back to January 1988.

The II showed that to date 16 monitoring wells had been installed at the site and that wells 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, and 16 have had various depths of unspecified hydrocarbon free product in them. The monitoring wells having the greatest depth of unspecified product are MW-10 (more than 6 feet) and MW-16 (6.89 feet) of unspecified product during the January 24, 2002 monitoring event. This information was gained from a March 8, 2002 (#1 above) phone conversation.

A Gettler-Ryan submittal to Delta Environmental (#3 above) shows 3.90 feet (August 17, 2001) of unspecified product in monitoring well #10. A December 27, 1993 RZA-AGRA submittal indicates that unspecified product had been measured (0.31 feet; 06/03/92) in monitoring well #6. Submittals to date show the groundwater surface levels have varied from about 19.5 feet to 34.85 feet below ground surface during about 15 years of monitoring well data.

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Identified contaminants found in the site groundwater include gasoline, lead, diesel, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene. All of these contaminants were found above MTCA cleanup levels. A January 28, 2002 letter (#2 above) to Mr. Brett Hunter (Chevron Products Company) indicates that Delta Environmental has begun additional environmental investigation of the site.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a listing of known or suspected contaminated sites. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this information system. Ecology has also determined that a Site Hazard Assessment described in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-320 will be required at this site. 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 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: The identification and location of the hazardous substance; circumstances of the release; the discovery and 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. In the future Ecology may still need to conduct a more detailed inspection of this property, including testing for possible contamination. At that time we may assess the need for further action.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an engineering consultant with the appropriate environmental 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 have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please call me. My phone number is (509) 454-7839.

Sincerely,



Dick Bassett
Site Manager/Initial Investigations
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW

cc: Krystal Rodriguez
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Michael Spencer