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Washington State Department of Ecology

November 10, 2008

Marv Coleman Washington Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office P.O. Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504-7775

Re: Titus Chevrolet/Stadium Thriftway Property, Tacoma

Dear Marv:

I represent Morrell's Cleaners, a dry-cleaning business located at 608 North First Street in Tacoma. Morrell's Cleaners recently received laboratory data from the owners of the property on which it operates as well as another operator on the property that indicates that there have been historical releases of hazardous substances at the property. Since the owners and other operators have apparently decided not to provide this data to Ecology themselves, I am enclosing this data pursuant to WAC 173-340-300 (2)(a). I am also enclosing other environmental reports done for Walker Chevrolet, a prior operator at the property.

As you will see from the attached site map, the property at issue is a triangular parcel in the middle of Tacoma's Stadium District. The current owners of the property are Dave and Barbara Shaw, Darrell Wickham, and Zona Wickham. It is my understanding that they have owned the property for many decades. The main building is currently occupied by Bruce Titus Chevrolet and Stadium Thriftway. Friendly Chevrolet and Walker Chevrolet previously had operations in the main building. Morrell's Cleaners is located in a small building that faces North First Street where it has operated in this building since 1971; Stadium Thriftway also rents space in this building. Other dry-cleaning businesses operated in the building since at least the 1920s.

As you will see, the recent laboratory data came from a site investigation done by Stemen Environmental at the request of Stadium Property Associates LLC. At least two of the members

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of this LLC, Mike Hargreaves and Bruce Titus, are the respective owners of Stadium Thriftway and Titus Chevrolet. It is our understanding that the LLC wished to purchase the property, which led to the recent investigation. I have also enclosed a Phase I report and closure report prepared by Bison Environmental for Walker Chevrolet in 1994.

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The owners are represented by Mark C. Vohr at Aiken, St. Luis & Siljeg in Seattle. Stadium Property Associates LLC and its members are represented by Scott Easter and Jeffrey Lee Péwé of Montgomery Purdue Blankinship & Austin and Bill Joyce of Salter Joyce Ziker PLLC.

On a final note, I wish to emphasize that my client does not agree that the methodology used or data obtained by Stemen Environmental is in fact accurate. Indeed, it has serious concerns regarding both. It merely seeks to fulfill its regulatory obligation since the owners and other operators have failed to do so.

Very truly/yours, anne K. Conwa

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Grantor(s) (Last name first; then first name & initials):

WICKHAM, DARRELL E.

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Grantee(s) (Last name first, then first name & initials):

WICKHAM, Darrell E. & WICKHAM, Lois J.

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Legal description (abbreviated):

BLOCKS 3012, 3013 & 3014, MAP OF NEW TACOMA, WT, ETC.

Legal description is on page 2 of document

Reference number(s) (of documents assigned or released):

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Assessor's Property Tax Parcel/Account Number:

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EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL A:

Ail of Blocks 3012, 3013, and 3014, MAP OF NEW TACOMA, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, according to plat filed for record February 3, 1875, in the office of the County Auditor. TOGETHER with that portion of North "G" Street lying between said Blocks 3013 and 3014 vacated by Ordinance No. 65 of the City of Tacoma, and that portion of alley lying between said Blocks 3012 and 3013 vacated by Ordinance No. 106 of the City of Tacoma. EXCEPT the following described property: Beginning at the most northerly corner of Block 3012, said plat; thence on the westerly line of said Block south 25°30' west 78480 feet; thence parallel to the northerly line of said Block south 64°30' east 179.56 feet; thence south 76°07' east 58.74 feet to the easterly line of said Block; thence on said easterly line north 53°20' east 75.71 feet to said northerly line of Block; thence north 64°30' west 272.49 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL B:

Together with a non-exclusive easement over a strip of land 15.00 feet in width for ingress and egress over the following described tract of land: Commencing at the most northerly corner of Block 3012, said plat; thence on the westerly line of said Block south $25^{\circ}30^{\circ}$ west 71.30 feet to the point of beginning; thence parallel to the northerly line of said Block south $64^{\circ}30^{\circ}$ east 178.80 feet; thence south $76^{\circ}07^{\circ}$ east 64.15feet to the easterly line of said block; thence on said easterly line south $53^{\circ}20^{\circ}$ west 19.42 feet; thence

north 76°07' west 53.33 feet; thence north 64°30' west 180.32 feet; thence north 25°30' east 15 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING from said easement that portion thereof lying with Parcel A.

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October 23, 2008

Dianne Conway, Esq. Gordon Thomas Honeywell P.O. Box 1157 Tacoma WA 98401-1151

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF INDOOR AIR SAMPLING DATA, MORRELL'S DRY CLEANERS, TACOMA WA

Dear Ms. Conway:

At your request, Floyd|Snider reviewed the information provided to us concerning the abovereferenced site. Information reviewed included:

- A letter dated September 30, 2008 from Aspect Consulting to Stadium Thriftway LLC titled "Summary of Indoor Air and Soil Gas Sampling Results, North First Street Parcels, Tacoma Washington."
- 2. A letter dated July 30 2008 from William Joyce to Linda Morrell concerning Notice of Remedial Actions, Stadium Property Associates LLC, including enclosed data package.

After reviewing the above, Floyd|Snider has the following observations:

The enclosed information provided in Item 2 above (letter from William Joyce) contained no detail or description of the sampling purpose or methodology, making the validity and usefulness of the data suspect. This is especially true for the following samples:

- Soil gas vapor samples GV-1 through GV-6 collected 5/8/08)
- Soil samples (PB, S, and DC series) collected 8/31/06
- Soil samples (B and T series) collected 6/29/07
- Soil samples (D series) collected 2/3/08 through 2/9/08
- Soil samples (TS and ND series) collected 7/24/07 and 2/3/08 through 2/9/08
- Soil samples (F and R series) collected 7/31/07
- Air samples labeled Back Bakery, Front Bakery, and Back Office collected 2/8/08

For all these samples, the analytical results were provided on data sheets <u>without</u> the name of the laboratory that conducted the analysis. This is highly unusual and not standard industry practice. Floyd|Snider cannot provide further comment on these lab reports until proper documentation of the sampling is provided, including a review of the data quality control and assurance. Proper and rigorously documented sampling techniques are especially important

Dianne Conway October 23, 2008

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given to the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommended alternative protective concentrations. The following table cites the more applicable air standards for PCE, which is also known as tetrachloroethylene:

Agent Name	Tetrachloroethylene
Alternative Name	Perchloroethylene
CAS Number	127-18-4
Formula	C2-Cl4
TLV (ACGIH)	25 ppm (equivalent to 169,581 μ g/m ³)
STEL (ACGIH)	100 ppm (equivalent to 678,323 $\mu g/m^3)$
PEL (OSHA)	100 ppm (equivalent to 678,323 μg/m³)

Source: http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov

Notes:

PEL Permissible exposure limit

PPM Parts per million

STEL Short-term exposure limit

TLV Time-weighted average

The highest PCE concentration detected in the indoor air samples was 2,749 μ g/m³. This is equivalent to 0.4 parts per million by volume (ppmv), which is less then 1% of the OSHA limit of 100 ppm and less then 2% of the recommended ACGIH concentration of 25 ppmv. Therefore, the concentrations reported by Stemen Environmental are well within applicable regulatory guidelines set for worker protection.

Without better detailed sampling, Aspect Consulting has no technical basis for stating, "The soil vapor intrusion may also contribute significantly to the elevated concentrations inside the office and former bakery." An equally valid statement would be, "Soil vapor intrusion may <u>not</u> contribute significantly to the elevated concentrations in the office and former bakery." Also, the use of PCE as a dry cleaning solvent will be terminated in the near future. Only after that termination, following an appropriately detailed sampling program, should the issue of the soil vapor intrusion pathway be examined.

Concerning the presence of benzene, Aspect Consulting stated, "It is unlikely that soil vapor intrusion was primarily responsible for the benzene detections in indoor air." As benzene is not a chemical used in the dry cleaning process, further consideration of the Morrell Cleaners as a source of this chemical is unnecessary, especially given the fact that other sources of benzene may be close by (e.g., the active auto dealership on this property).

As noted above, it does not appear that background air or similar control samples were collected, which further complicates the data interpretation. Urban air contains a variety of industrial compounds, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), often at significant levels.



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