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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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January 13, 2000

Owners or Operators of AMEX Tax & Duty Free Shops West
253 C Street, Blaine, WA 98230
C/O Jon M. Einarsen
BEK Engineering, Inc.
2138 Humbolt Street
Bellingham, Washington 98225

Re: Independent Remedial Action
AMEX Tax & Duty Free Shops West, 253 C Street, Blaine, WA 98230

Dear Dr. Einarsen;

Thank you for submitting the results of the independent remedial action for this site for review by the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing this administrative option under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has reviewed the following information regarding the AMEX Tax & Duty Free Shops West facility located at 253 C Street, Blaine, WA 98230:

1. UST Removal Site Check/Assessment (Site ID # 11177), AMEX Tax & Duty Free Shops West, Blaine, Washington, BEK Engineering, Inc., Bellingham, WA, 98225, October 25, 1999.
2. Independent Remedial Action, AMEX Tax & Duty Free Shops West, Blaine, Washington, BEK Engineering, Inc., Bellingham, WA, 98225, October 25, 1999.

The reports listed above will be kept in the Central Files of the Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) of Ecology for review by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling Sally Perkins at the NWRO at (425) 649-7190.

Based upon the information in the reports listed above, Ecology has determined that, at this time, the release of gasoline-range petroleum hydrocarbons into the soil no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment.



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Therefore, Ecology is issuing this determination that no further remedial action is necessary at this site under MTCA, chapter 70.105D RCW. However, please note that because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree with Ecology, this letter is written pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030(1)(i) and does not constitute a settlement by the state under RCW 70.105D.040(4) and is not binding on Ecology.

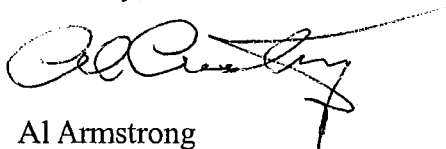
Ecology's no further action determination is made only with respect to the release identified in the reports listed above. This no further action determination applies only to the area of the property affected by the release identified in the report at 253 C Street, Blaine, WA 98230. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, any other areas on the property, nor any other properties owned or operated by the owners or operators of this property.

Ecology will update its Leaking Underground Storage Tank database to reflect this "No Further Action" determination. This site will not appear in future publications of the LUST database.

The state, Ecology, and its officers and employees are immune from all liability and no cause of action of any nature may arise from any act or omission in providing this determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Al Armstrong at (425) 649-7258.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Armstrong', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Al Armstrong
Hydrogeologist
Toxics Cleanup Program

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