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Mr. Travis Trent
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RE: Status of contamination cleanup at the following site:

- Site Name: Pacific Pride Tanker Fire Site
- Site Address: St Hwy 2 Milepost 116, Monitor
- Facility/Site ID No.: 357
- Cleanup Site ID No.: 4757
- VCP No.: CE0422

Dear Mr. Trent:

I am writing to you because I have recently been assigned as the Cleanup Site Manager for the Pacific Pride Tanker Fire site (Site, AKA Whitley Fuels Tanker Spill). The last submittal in our site file is "Whitley Fuels Tanker Spill Groundwater Monitoring Wells near Monitor, Washington – Groundwater Sampling Event", prepared by Fulcrum Environmental Consulting dated March 22, 2017. Prior to that, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) had issued a Further Action letter dated December 18, 2014. That letter indicated that benzene concentrations in groundwater had been persistent, and groundwater monitoring, by itself, is not an acceptable cleanup action under the Model Toxics Cleanup Act (MTCA).

The March 22, 2017 submittal included monitoring results from June 2016, September 2016, December 2016, and March 2017. During those monitoring rounds, only one result for benzene in June 2016 (MW-03 at 6.65 µg/L) exceeded the MTCA Method A cleanup level of 5 µg/L. Benzene was also detected in this well at 4.87 µg/L in December 2016. **These data are encouraging and suggest that the Site may be able to achieve a No Further Action (NFA) determination in the relatively near future.**

Ecology typically expects to review the following information prior to issuing an NFA:

- A minimum of eight consecutive quarters of monitoring results below MTCA cleanup levels (see Section 10 of Ecology's Guidance for Remediation of Petroleum Contaminated Sites, revised June 2016). Alternatives to eight consecutive quarters below MTCA cleanup levels are four consecutive quarters below detection limits, or statistical demonstration as discussed in Section 10.3.2 of the guidance.



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- Present a case that the extent of soil contamination has been defined and that no soil contamination remains above MTCA cleanup levels. Such a case can be made using historical data, if such data are available.

Ecology recommends that the sampling of the three Site monitoring wells continue on a quarterly basis. Once the monitoring data achieve the criteria discussed above, then soil analytical data can be presented to support a NFA request.

Please call me at (509) 454-7835 or email me at frank.winslow@ecy.wa.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Ecology Site File