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RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances

- Site Name: Nachurs Alpine Solutions
- Site Address: 101 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Sunnyside
- Facility/Site ID No.: 29243
- Cleanup Site ID No.: 14601
- ERTS ID No.: 682162

Dear Mr. DeGross:

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.

In February 2018, a Limited Phase II Subsurface Investigation was performed to determine if the former use of the site as a fertilizer storage facility had adversely impacted subsurface conditions.

The results of the limited investigation confirmed arsenic, lead, molybdenum, nickel, & nitrate are present in groundwater; and arsenic, nickel & zinc are present in soil, at concentrations exceeding Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method B cleanup levels.

Additional investigation activities are necessary to fully characterize soil and groundwater contamination, and perform a cleanup action.

Under MTCA, Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is made available to the public upon request and online at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/tcpwebreporting/>. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this database because soil and groundwater are contaminated at the site.

Please note that inclusion in the database does not mean that Ecology has made a determination regarding the identification of any potentially liable person(s) under the Model Toxics Control Act (administered under Chapter 173-340 WAC).



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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:

1. identification and location of the hazardous substance(s)
2. circumstances of the release and discovery
3. remedial actions planned, completed, or underway

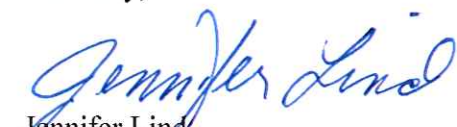
More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. For a description of the process for cleaning up a site under MTCA, please refer to the enclosed fact sheet.

If you would like Ecology to review the independent cleanup actions conducted and determine if the site warrants **no further action**, you are encouraged to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Information about the VCP is available online at <http://www.ecology.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>, or you may contact Frosti Smith, CRO VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7841 or [Frosti.Smith@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Frosti.Smith@ecy.wa.gov).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7839 or [Jennifer.Lind@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lind@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure

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