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December 18, 2003

Ms. Reta Jensen
151 Charles Street
Monroe, Washington 98272

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Re: Independent Remedial Action
Former Bulk Fuel Storage Area (Parcel 6)
Monroe Auto Salvage
426 Fremont Street
Monroe, Washington

Thank you for submitting the results of your independent remedial actions (VCP # NW 0280) for review by Washington State's 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 (TCP) has reviewed the following information regarding the former Bulk Fuel Storage Area (Parcel 6), Monroe Auto Salvage facility located at 426 Fremont Street, Monroe, Washington:

1. Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. Submitted by Farallon Consulting, July 24, 2001
2. Groundwater Monitoring Status Reports. Submitted by Farallon Consulting, November 2001 to June 2003 (seven reports total),
3. Summary of Permanent Underground Storage Tanks Closure and Site Characterization Report. Submitted by Farallon Consulting. April 4, 2003.
4. Final Closure Report. Submitted by Farallon Consulting. July 29th 2003.

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 or -7239.

Based upon the information in the reports listed above, Ecology has determined that , at this time, the release of petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel into the soil and groundwater no longer pose a threat to human health or the environment. The concentration of 26,000 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 2,700 mg/kg diesel, detected in the soil samples collected from the southern and eastern edges if the excavation, respectively, are located beneath the existing building and railroad tracks and cannot be removed without potential



damage to the structures. The estimated extent of soil contamination is shown on the attached figure. If the property is sold or leased to another party, you must notify the new owners and operators of the remaining contamination of the site. Should the building be removed, the remaining contaminated soil under the building must be removed.

Concentrations of diesel range organics (DRO) in groundwater samples collected from the monitoring wells located downgradient of the contaminated soil left in place were non-detect for DRO for all seven quarters of groundwater monitoring, from November 2001 to June 2003. The concentrations of DRO in groundwater samples collected from the monitoring well located in close proximity to the residual soil contamination declined from 12,000 ug/l in February 2002 to 1,100 ug/l in June 2003, indicating rapid natural attenuation. The analytical results of groundwater monitoring and sampling that have been conducted at the site, quarterly, for seven quarters following source removal activities confirm that concentrations of DRO do not present a threat to human health or the environment.

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 will update its database to reflect this "No Further Action" determination. Your site will not appear in future publications of the Confirmed & Suspected Contaminated Sites Report (previously known as the Affected Media and Contaminants Report). Ecology will also initiate the process to remove your site from the Hazardous Sites List. This process includes a thirty (30) day public comment period, after which Ecology must evaluate the public's comments before making a final decision.

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.

I am retiring and leaving Ecology at the end of this month. If you have any questions, please contact Teri Fisher at (425) 649-4446

Sincerely,



Judith M. Aitken
Toxics Cleanup Program

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Cc: William Joyce, Ogden Murphy Wallace, P.L.L.C.
Peter Jewett, Farallon Consulting, L.L.C.