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Dear Monty Johnson:

I am pleased to welcome you to working with the Department of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program. The purpose of this letter is to communicate expectations for working together. Ecology is committed to a clean, healthy, sustainable environment that supports livable communities and a vibrant economy. We expect a collaborative, respectful, realistic, and reasonable approach to addressing the cleanup project. I believe that our working together will result in a timely and efficient process that will address contamination issues at your site. We look forward to a beneficial working relationship.

We understand the need for flexible and collaborative problem solving. Please note that as we work together cleanup decisions will be built upon a legal and scientific foundation.

We look forward to our productive working relationship. Your site is located within our central region. This region is managed by Valerie Bound. Your Ecology Cleanup Project Manager (CPM) is Frank Winslow. The CPM assigned to your site will be your primary point of contact and an active participant in the cleanup project.

### **Expectations**

We have established the enclosed General Standards of Work for managing cleanup projects. We also recognize that each site is unique and that these standards complement the professional judgment required to address cleanup and protect human health and the environment.

At the beginning of the project, the parties involved will negotiate an agreed order or consent decree. Your schedule for submitting key documents will be specified in the order or decree. We expect Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) and their consultants to work collaboratively with Ecology staff so that technical issues are resolved promptly.

We expect attendance and participation in key project meetings. As described below, project meetings will at a minimum consist of meetings that occur at specific points in the process. These meetings bring together the project team to identify and resolve questions and issues as early as possible.

When working collaboratively and using the processes stated in the order or decree and using the key project meetings, Ecology's goal is to review documents within 45 calendar days of receipt. This will facilitate approval with a single review cycle. If we cannot meet this goal, we will notify you of our expected completion date.



### Key Project Meetings

Project meetings will be identified in the project schedule and will precede key deliverables. Project meetings will occur at five specific points in the process. At the kickoff meeting, the Ecology CPM will review who should attend subsequent meetings.

1. **The Cleanup Project Kickoff Meeting** will happen at the start of the project. The purpose is to review site history, set the tone for good communications, identify data gaps, and begin planning for public participation.
2. **The Remedial Investigation Planning Meeting** will happen before the remedial action work plan is submitted for review by Ecology. Topics include data collection, data needs and SEPA requirements.
3. **The Remedial Investigation Pre-Report Check-In** will happen before the remedial investigation report is submitted for review by Ecology. The purpose is to ensure that all parties are clear on the expected contents of the remedial investigation (RI) report.
4. **The Feasibility Study Planning Meeting** may be combined with the third meeting. The purpose is to ensure that all parties are clear on the expected contents of the feasibility study (FS).
5. **The Cleanup Action Plan Meeting** begins before the draft cleanup action plan is prepared. The purpose is to discuss the RI/FS, determine how the remedial action will be selected, review plans for developing the cleanup action plan, and discuss any anticipated institutional controls.

We are committed to working collaboratively using the process described in the TCP General Standards of Work. Our expectation is that this approach will enable a streamlined and effective cleanup process.

Once again, your site has been assigned to the central region managed by Valerie Bound. We look forward to working with you to protect Washington's people and environment in a way that improves the quality of life for all of us.



James J. Pendowski, Program Manager  
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cc: Frank Winslow, Ecology  
Valerie Bound, Ecology  
Seth Preston, TCP Communications, Ecology  
Andy Fitz, Office of the Attorney General

Enclosure: Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program General Standards of Work