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January 21, 2015

Mr. Casey Davidson  
Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife  
600 Capital Way N  
Olympia WA 98501

Dear Mr. Davidson:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances located at:  
41 East Coulter Creek Road, Belfair, Mason County, Washington.  
Facility Site Identification Number: 19373

On July 22, 2014, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) was notified of a confirmed release of hazardous substances (petroleum) from an underground storage tank (UST) at East Coulter Creek Road, Belfair, Mason County, Washington. Ecology reviewed the *Underground Storage Tank Closure Site Assessment Report*, dated July 16, 2014, prepared by Associated Environmental Group, LLC, that confirmed both soil and groundwater are contaminated. Ecology has determined that further remedial action is needed.

Ecology maintains a list of sites where further testing and possible cleanup is needed. This list is called the Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. The petroleum release at 41 East Coulter Creek Road, Belfair, Mason County, Washington, will be added to the list as a state cleanup site. This list may be found at  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/SiteLists.htm>

Please note that inclusion on this list does not mean Ecology has determined you are liable for cleanup of the site since that is a separate determination under the law.

In the future, Ecology may conduct an environmental inspection of this property. This inspection is called a Site Hazard Assessment. It may include testing the site soil, groundwater, and air for contaminants. After the inspection has been completed, Ecology will determine if more environmental action is needed and, if necessary, establish a priority for the work.

Rules governing cleanup of contaminated sites are:

- Chapter 70.105D RCW, Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)
- Chapter 173-340 WAC, MTCA Cleanup Regulation

These rules may be found at Ecology's web site at:  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/current\\_laws\\_and\\_rules.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/current_laws_and_rules.html).

For your convenience, copies of specific requirements for Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, which must be complied with, are enclosed. Ecology has a strong commitment to working cooperatively with owners/operators to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. Your cooperation in planning or conducting remedial action is not an admission of guilt or liability.

If you proceed with cleanup work on your own, the rules listed above must be followed.

If you would like a formal review of the release information and/or technical assistance with the cleanup of this release, Ecology has a fee-based service called the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Upon entering the VCP, Ecology will assign a site manager to review information available on the site and to provide technical assistance. The final goal of this VCP review and assistance is a "No Further Action" letter that is issued when the site meets applicable cleanup requirements.

Information on the VCP and forms for applying are located at:  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>

If the website is not accessible, please call (360) 407-6240 and forms will be sent through the US Postal Service.

The file for this site is kept in the Central Files at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office (SWRO). Appointments to review or obtain copies of the file may be made by calling the SWRO Public Disclosure contact at (360) 407-6365.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 407-6263 or at [cjoh461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:cjoh461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



Carol A. Johnston  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
Southwest Regional Office

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Enclosures: Requirements for Release  
WAC 173-340-450  
Model Toxics Control Act Chapter 70.105D RCW

By certified mail: ( 91 7108 2133 3939 7043 6324

cc: Scott Rose, Associated Environmental Group