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October 4, 2018

Jo M. Flannery  
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**RE: Determination of Potentially Liable Person Status**

- **Site Name:** Troy Laundry Seattle
- **Site Address:** 307 Fairview Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 11690
- **Facility/Site ID:** 19135499

Dear Ms. Flannery:

On August 13, 2018, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent your client written notice regarding LeatherCare, Inc.'s proposed status as a potentially liable person (PLP).

The 30-day comment period on this preliminary notice expired on September 13, 2018.

We have received and evaluated your comments, dated September 14, 2018. Based on the information available to date, including the final Order entered by U.S. District Judge Zilly in *Seattle Times Co. v. LeatherCare, Inc. et al.* on Aug. 15, 2018, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports your client's status as a PLP for the release at the Troy Laundry Seattle site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that LeatherCare, Inc. is a PLP with regard to the Troy Laundry Seattle site.

The draft remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) report prepared by Touchstone, reviewed by Ecology in 2012, focused mainly on the investigation and remediation within the city block located at 307 Fairview Avenue North (the "Troy property"), which is a subset of the Troy Laundry Seattle site. Ecology is currently working with Touchstone on completing a site-wide RI/FS. This site-wide RI/FS will investigate and evaluate whether any contamination from properties up-gradient of the Troy property has migrated and co-mingled with the solvent plume underlying the Troy property. The site-wide RI/FS will also investigate and evaluate whether the solvent plume underlying the Troy property has migrated down-gradient and co-mingled with contamination at 1120 John Street (the "Seattle Times property").

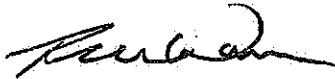


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LeatherCare's rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in RCW 70.105D and WAC 173-340. Ecology's site manager for the facility, Sunny Becker, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup at this site. Ecology will also inform LeatherCare of any upcoming meetings, reports, and other actions related to the Troy Laundry Seattle site.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Sunny Becker at (425) 649-7187 or sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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