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November 22, 2016

Mr. John Simpson
Senior Vice President
Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc.
2850 100th Court NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

- **Site Name:** Taylor Way & Alexander Avenue Fill Area (TWAAGA)
- **Site Address:** 1500 Block Taylor Way E, Tacoma, Washington 98409
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 4692
- **Facility/Site ID:** 1403183
- **Pierce County Assessor's Parcel Numbers:** 0321263003, 0321263024, 0321263045, 0321267005, 0321352043, 0321352044, 0321352050, 0321352053, 0321352054, 0321352062, 0321352063, 0321352064, 0321352066, 0321355007, and 0321356008

Dear Mr. Simpson:

On October 6, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc. (Stericycle) is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the TWAAGA facility (Site). On November 17, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. As of November 17, Ecology had not received any written comments from you.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Stericycle is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Stericycle is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70.105D.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the

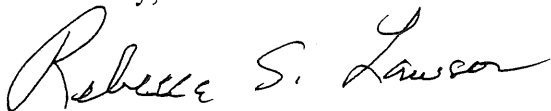
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Stericycle to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Steve Teel, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Steve Teel at (360) 407-6247 or steve.teel@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Rebecca S. Lawson, P.E., L.G., L.HG.
Section Manager
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Southwest Regional Office

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