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Mr. Joseph Schiessl
Housing & Redevelopment
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Dear Mr. Schiessl:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located at the 1300 Block of George Washington Way, Richland, Washington, Ecology Facility/Site ID # 13386651, ERTS #C3113

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation.

On September 9, 2000, the Department of Ecology received a report, titled *Underground Storage Tank Removal Project*, regarding petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater discovered during the identification and removal of several underground storage tanks (USTs). After reviewing the file, Ecology has recommended that a Site Hazard Assessment be conducted for the site because petroleum contaminated soil remains at the site and groundwater appears to have been impacted.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a listing of known or suspected contaminated sites. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this information system because of subsurface petroleum contaminated soil.

Ecology has also determined that a Site Hazard Assessment described in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-320 will be required at this site. It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) requires a report of



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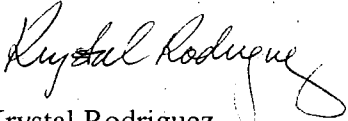
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independent actions. To the extent known, the report shall include: the identification and location of the hazardous substance; circumstances of the release; the discovery and remedial actions planned, completed, or underway. More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed. In the future, Ecology may still need to conduct a more detailed inspection of this property, including testing for possible contamination. At that time we may assess the need for further action.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC, which details the requirements of the Act, is enclosed.

I have enclosed a Focus sheet to assist you in familiarizing yourself with the MTCA regulations. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please call me. My phone number is (509) 454-7842.

Sincerely,



Krystal Rodriguez
Site Manager/Initial Investigations
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW
Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation: Process for Cleanup of Hazardous Waste Sites

cc: Frosti Smith, TCP-CRO
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