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Mr. Bill Saraceno
Vice President of Administration
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Dear Mr. Saraceno:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located at 1011 Northgate Drive, Richland, Washington, ERTS #C545502

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.

An Initial Investigation (II) was conducted by the Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD). The II involved a BFHD review of a Shannon & Wilson April 8, 2004 report of four site soil borings taken December 29, 2003, and a site visit by the BFHD investigator on May 26, 2005. The Shannon & Wilson report found soil in one boring contaminated with gasoline, benzene, and xylenes at the soil-groundwater interface (14-15 feet). Specifically, the soil sample analysis showed a concentration of gasoline at 200 mg/kg where the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup level is 30 mg/kg. The analysis also indicated benzene concentration at 1.0 mg/kg where the MTCA cleanup level is 0.03 mg/kg, and it found total xylene concentration at 9.2 mg/kg where the MTCA cleanup level is 9 mg/kg.

Under the 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. 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) which requires a report of

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.

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) 454-7839.

Sincerely,

Richard Bassett

Richard Bassett
Site Manager/Initial Investigations
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enc: Chapter 173-340 WAC
Chapter 70.105D RCW

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