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CITY OF ANACORTES  
C/O JEFF MILLER  
PO BOX 547  
ANACORTES, WA 98221-0547

Dear Mr. Miller:

Re: **EARLY NOTICE LETTER** Site #3094179  
A Ave Landfill (aka ACFL City Park)  
A Ave & 37<sup>th</sup> St  
Anacortes, WA 98221

This letter is sent to you concerning information that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has gathered regarding the above referenced property. As part of the process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a list of known or suspected contaminated sites. Based on available information in the department's files, it is Ecology's decision to add this property to the list as a site known to be contaminated by hazardous substances.

Enclosed is a data summary report containing information we believe reflects the current site status. A legend is also enclosed to help interpret codes used in this report. Please note that inclusion on the list **does not** mean that Ecology has determined you to be a potentially liable person responsible for cleanup under the MTCA. However, this letter is a notification that an area(s) of contamination exists on this property. Further investigation or cleanup action will need to be done to comply with Washington State laws and regulations.

Because of considerable potential liability, please be advised to carefully consider any investigation or cleanup actions and to carefully document steps taken independent of Ecology's involvement. Guidance documents to help conduct an independent cleanup are available if you are interested in this option. In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware there are requirements in State law which must be met. Some of these requirements are addressed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(B) and -300(4). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial (cleanup) actions performed.

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Ecology has a strong commitment to work cooperatively with individuals to accomplish prompt and effective investigations and site cleanups. However, due to limited resources and requirements in State law, we are not able to provide all the assistance requested. Your cooperation in planning or conducting a cleanup action is not an admission of guilt or liability.

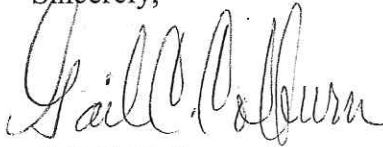
If an independent cleanup action is undertaken, and a formal review of the work is desired, a report may be submitted to Ecology through the Voluntary Cleanup Program. This program was established in response to the public's need for Ecology to more rapidly review cleanup actions. A fee has been established to support this review process. Guidance documents to help conduct an independent cleanup are available if you are interested in this option.

If a cleanup action is undertaken and a formal review of the work is not desired at this time, then the information should be submitted to Ecology in order to document any assessment or cleanup activities. If no report is available, but work is in progress or anticipated, a letter describing these plans would be helpful in updating the site record.

If an independent cleanup action does not occur on this property, Ecology will conduct a more detailed inspection at a future time that may include testing for contamination. After that, Ecology will assess what action is needed and establish a priority for that work under the formal MTCA cleanup process. At that time, the potentially liable person(s) would be determined and would be responsible for cleanup costs, including State oversight.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or if you would like a copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW (The Model Toxics Control Act), the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, that detail these requirements, or a guidance document, please contact me at (425) 649-7058. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Gail C. Colburn  
Initial Investigator  
Toxics Cleanup Program

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**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY -- TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM**  
**I. DEGRADED SITE INFORMATION (STEM)**  
**SITE DATA SUMMARY AS OF 01/04/2005**

**FACILITY SITE ID:** 3094179      **SITE NAME:** A AVE LANDFILL

**SITE LOCATION INFORMATION**

<b>ADDRESS:</b> A AVE & 37TH ST	<b>DEGREES</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>SECONDS</b>	<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>SECTION</b>
	LATITUDE: 48	29	32.70	0	0	0
<b>CITY:</b> ANACORTES	LONGITUDE: 122	38	13.00			
<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 98221				<b>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT #:</b>	0	
<b>COUNTY:</b> SKAGIT	<b>TAX PARCEL #:</b>			<b>CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #:</b>	0	

**SITE STATUS INFORMATION**

**ENTERED DATE:** 1/4/2005  
**LAST UPDATE DATE:** 1/4/2005

**ECOLOGY STATUS:** 4 Independent RA  
**INDEPENDENT STATUS:** 2 Ind. Site assessment or interim RA report received  
**PROGRAM PLAN:**  
**STATUTE:** 2 MTCA only  
**WARM BIN #:**      **RESTRICTIVE COVENANT REQ:**   
**LUST ID:**              **BROWNFIELDS:**   
**PROJECT CODE:**  
**ERTS ID:** 538940  
**RESPONSIBLE UNIT:** NORTHWEST  
**SITE MANAGER:** NORTHWEST REGION

**NFA CODE:**  
**NFA DATE:**

**VCP INFORMATION**

**SITE COMMENTS**

Landfill is in a 2,200 acre city park (ACFL) surrounded by swamps and beaver ponds, with public access trails.

**ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	STATUS	START DT	COMPLETION DT	LEGAL MECHANISM	ACTIVITY LEAD
Site Discovery/Report Received	Completed	2/11/2004	4/16/2004		COUNTY HEALTH-NW
Initial Investigation	Completed	4/16/2004	8/4/2004		COLBURN, GAIL
Early Notice Letter(s)	Completed	1/4/2005	1/4/2005		COLBURN, GAIL

**AFFECTED MEDIA AND CONTAMINANTS INFORMATION**

MEDIA	STATUS	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	#16	#17	#18	#19	#20	DW TYPE:	
5 Sediment	S							S				S											
4 Soil	C							C				S											

#1 = Base/Neutral Organics	#6 = Pesticides	#11 = PAH	#16 = Conventional Contaminants, Inorganic
#2 = Halogenated Organic Compounds	#7 = Petroleum Products	#12 = Reactive Wastes	#17 = Asbestos
#3 = Metals-Priority Pollutants	#8 = Phenolic Compounds	#13 = Corrosive Wastes	#18 = Arsenic
#4 = Metals-Other	#9 = Non-Halogenated Solvents	#14 = Radioactive Wastes	#19 = MTB
#5 = PCB	#10 = Dioxins	#15 = Conventional Contaminants, Organic	#20 = Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

**NUMBERS 1 - 19 CORRESPOND TO THE  
CONTAMINANT NUMBERS ON THE ATTACHED REPORT**

**B = Confirmed below MTCA**

**C = Confirmed above MTCA**

**S = Suspected above MTCA**

1. **Base/Neutral/Acid Organics:** Hazardous substances typically included in the Base/Neutral/Acid fraction of EPA's priority pollutant compound list. Examples are: Acenaphthene; Hexachlorobenzene; Fluoranthene; 2,4-dinitro-toluene; Isophorone.
2. **Halogenated Organic Compounds:** Organic compounds, typically solvents, with one or more of the halogens (e.g., Chlorine, Bromine, Fluorine) incorporated into their structure. Examples are: Carbon Tetrachloride; Chloroform; Vinyl Acetate; 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane; freons.
3. **EPA Priority Pollutants - Metals and Cyanide:** Metals included in EPA's priority pollutant compounds list. Examples are: Antimony, Arsenic, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, and Zinc.
4. **Metals - Other:** Other non-priority pollutant metals. Examples are: Aluminum, Barium, Cobalt, Iron, Manganese, and Tin.
5. **Polychlorinated biPhenyls (PCBs):** A specific "family" of aromatic chlorinated organic compounds often referred to as "AROCLOR." Common types are: AROCLOR-1016, AROCLOR-1221, AROCLOR-1260.
6. **Pesticides:** Chemical agents used to control pests such as: fungicides, herbicides and insecticides. Examples are: Aldrin, Chlordane, Endrin, Diazinon, Folex, Malathion.
7. **Petroleum Products:** Crude oil and any fraction thereof. Each of these materials may consist of many specific chemical compounds. Examples are: Gasoline, diesel fuel, mineral oil.
8. **Phenolic Compounds:** Hazardous substances typically included in the acid extractable fraction of EPA's priority pollutant compound list. Examples are: 2,4,6-trichloro-phenol; Phenol; Cresols; Pentachlorophenol; Benzoic Acid.
9. **Non-Halogenated Solvents:** Organic solvents, typically volatile or semi-volatile, not containing any halogens. Examples are: Acrolein; Benzene; Toluene, Acetone; 4-Methyl-2-pentanone.
10. **Dioxin:** A family of more than 70 compounds of chlorinated dioxins. Examples: 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD); P-dioxin; Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin; Polychlorinated dibenzo-para-dioxin (PCDD).
11. **Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH):** Hydrocarbons composed of two or more benzene rings. Examples are: Benzo-Fluorathene; Chrysene; Anthracene; Acenaphthene.
12. **Reactive Wastes:** Wastes that react violently upon contact with other substances (especially air or water) as defined by the Dangerous Waste Regulation (WAC 173-303-090(7)). They explode easily or are otherwise unstable. Examples: Peroxides; Metallic Sodium.
13. **Corrosive Wastes:** Wastes that are highly corrosive as defined by the Dangerous Waste Regulation (WAC 173-303-090(6)). Substances with very high (base) or very low (acid) pH. Examples: Nitric Acid, Sodium Hydroxide.
14. **Radioactive Wastes:** Wastes that emit more than background levels of radiation. Examples are: High and low level nuclear wastes; mixed nuclear wastes; Uranium mine tailings.
15. **Conventional Contaminants, Organic:** Unspecified organic matter that imposes an oxygen demand during its decomposition. This is reflected by elevated Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) and/or Total Organic Carbon (TOC). Typically a component of municipal solid waste leachates, septage, food wastes, wood waste leachate and similar organic wastes.
16. **Conventional Contaminants, Inorganic:** Non-metallic inorganic substances or indicator parameters that may indicate the existence of contamination if present at unusual levels. Examples are: Chloride, Sulfur compounds, Nitrogen compounds, pH, conductivity, hardness, and alkalinity.
17. **Asbestos:** Name given to group of six different fibrous minerals. Used for a wide range of manufactured goods: mostly in building materials (roofing shingles, ceiling and floor tiles, paper products, etc), friction products (automobile clutch, brake, and transmission parts), heat-resistant fabrics, packaging, some vermiculite or talc products, etc.
18. **Arsenic:** Naturally occurring element; inorganic forms are known to be carcinogenic. Inorganic arsenic compounds are mainly used to preserve wood. Organic arsenic compounds are used as pesticides, primarily on cotton plants.
19. **Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE):** Flammable liquid used since the 1980s as an additive in unleaded gasoline to achieve more efficient burning.