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September 3, 2019

Gary Rickert (co-trustee of the Wayne A. Rickert Testamentary Trust)
% Karthryn Rickert
5860 Coles Rd.
Langley, WA 98260

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

- **Site Name:** Former Carson Cleaners
- **Site Address:** 4701 Brooklyn Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 14878
- **Facility/Site ID:** 15518216
- **King County Assessor's Parcel Number:** 8817400125

Dear Gary Rickert:

On April 16, 2019, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Rickert Ownership Group is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the former Carson Cleaners facility (Site) which has comingled with the release of hazardous substances at the former Chevron 90129 facility. On June 1, 2019, you received that written notice. On July 1, 2019, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired. As of July 18, 2019, Ecology had not received any written comments from you.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Rickert Ownership Group is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Rickert Ownership Group 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 Rickert Ownership Group 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



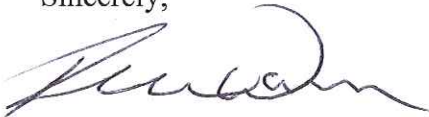
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will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per 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, Dale Myers, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Dale Myers at (425) 649-4446 or Dale.Myers@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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