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November 27, 2019

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Washington State Department of Ecology  
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**Subject:** Request for Opinion on Site Closure Activities completed on 13.4-Acre Undeveloped Parcel, 16720 Waller Road East, Tacoma, Washington, 98446-1336 (Facility/Site No.: 40178; VCP Project No.: SW1684)

Dear Tim:

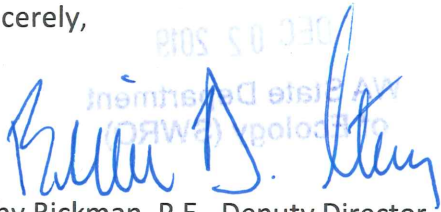
Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc., prepared a Site Closure Report for Pierce County to document site characterization and remedial activities conducted on a 13.4-acre undeveloped parcel of undeveloped land (referred to as the *Site*) located at 16720 Waller Road East, Tacoma, in unincorporated Pierce County, Washington. Pierce County Planning & Public Works is selling the Site to the Bethel School District to be developed as an elementary school.

In July 2019, Pierce County entered the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) Voluntary Cleanup Program, when the County's property (35.9 acres) constituted one parcel of land and was commonly known as the Prairie Pit Maintenance Facility. However, the 13.4-acre vacant undeveloped northern portion has since been segregated from the 21.5-acre maintenance facility to the south. The Site, now known as Pierce County Parcel No. 0319262074, was not used or developed as part of the County's maintenance facility; the southern portion of the property, now known as Pierce County Parcel No. 0319263091, is not being sold and will continue to be used as a County maintenance facility.

Pierce County is requesting an opinion from Ecology on the site characterization and remediation activities completed to date at the 13.4-acre Site. The Site has been successfully remediated in compliance with Chapter 173-340. The remedial actions completed in July and August 2019 removed all soil contamination to levels below the ecological screening levels and/or MTCA Method A or B cleanup levels for unrestricted land use, and no impacts to groundwater have been identified.

One additional round of quarterly groundwater sampling is planned in February 2020 to further assess groundwater conditions at the Site. Pending the results of that sampling event and based on the site characterization activities and remedial actions completed, an unrestricted NFA is warranted for this Site.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Toby Rickman, P.E., Deputy Director  
Pierce County Planning and Public Works

Enclosure: Request for Opinion Form; Site Closure Report



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# Voluntary Cleanup Program

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Toxics Cleanup Program

## REQUEST FOR OPINION FORM

Use this form to request a written opinion on your planned or completed independent remedial action under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Attach to this form the plans or reports documenting the remedial action. Please submit only one form for each request.

### Step 1: IDENTIFY HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

Please identify below the hazardous waste site for which you are requesting a written opinion under the VCP. This information may be found on the VCP Agreement.

Facility/Site Name: 13.4-Acre Undeveloped Parcel (initially listed as Prairie Pit Maintenance Facility)

Facility/Site Address: 16720 Waller Road East (initially listed as 1600 Block of Waller Road) E., Tacoma, Pierce County, WA 98446-1336

Facility/Site No: 40178

VCP Project No.: SW1684

### Step 2: REQUEST WRITTEN OPINION ON PLAN OR REPORT

What type of independent remedial action plan or report are you submitting to Ecology for review under the VCP? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Remedial investigation plan
- ☐ Remedial investigation report
- ☐ Feasibility study report
- ☐ Property cleanup\* plan (\* cleanup of one or more parcels located within the Site)
- ☐ Property cleanup\* report
- ☐ Site cleanup plan
- ☒ Site cleanup report
- ☐ Other – please specify:

Do you want Ecology to provide you with a written opinion on the planned or completed independent remedial action?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please note that Ecology's opinion will be limited to:

- Whether the planned or completed remedial action at the site meets the substantive requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), and/or
- Whether further remedial action is necessary at the site under MTCA.



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**Step 3: REPRESENTATIONS AND SIGNATURE**

The undersigned representative of the Customer hereby certifies that he or she is fully authorized to request services from Ecology under the Agreement for this VCP Project.

Name: Toby Rickman, P.E.

Title: Planning & Public Works  
Deputy DirectorSignature: *Toby Rickman*

Date: 11-26-19

Organization: Pierce County Planning &amp; Public Works

Mailing address: 2702 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 109

City: Tacoma

State: WA

Zip code: 98409

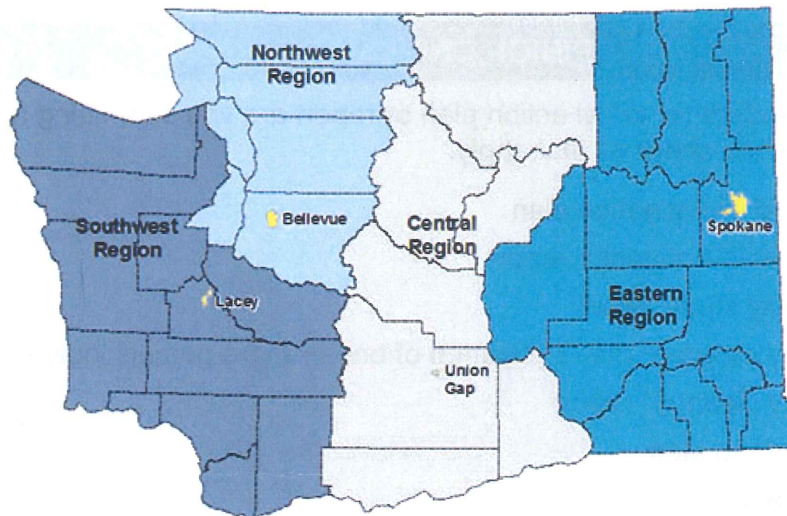
Phone: 253-798-7250

Fax:

E-mail:

**Step 4: SUBMITTAL**

Please mail your completed form and the independent remedial action plan or report that you are requesting Ecology review to the site manager Ecology assigned to your Site. If a site manager has not yet been assigned, please mail your completed form to the Ecology regional office for the County in which your Site is located.



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| <b>Northwest Region:</b><br>Attn: VCP Coordinator<br>3190 160 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SE<br>Bellevue, WA 98008-5452 | <b>Central Region:</b><br>Attn: VCP Coordinator<br>1250 West Alder St.<br>Union Gap, WA 98903-0009 |
| <b>Southwest Region:</b><br>Attn: VCP Coordinator<br>P.O. Box 47775<br>Olympia, WA 98504-7775                  | <b>Eastern Region:</b><br>Attn: VCP Coordinator<br>N. 4601 Monroe<br>Spokane WA 99205-1295         |