



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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Port of Vancouver
3103 NW Lower River Rd
Vancouver, WA 98660

Dear Sir:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances at the Port of Vancouver Red Lion Hotel (site name), located at 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660. Facility Site Identification Number: 15891

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW) the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation, of properties where we have received a report that there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substance that could pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Ecology maintains a list of sites where an initial investigation has found that further testing and possible cleanup is needed. We call this our "database of Confirmed or Suspected Contaminated Sites". As a result of the initial investigation conducted by the Clark County Health Department, this property has been added to the database as a State Cleanup Site. The Facility Site Identification number assigned to this site is 15891. Please note that inclusion in this database does not mean Ecology has determined you liable for cleanup of the site, as that is a separate determination under the law.

This site has been added to our database because soil contaminated with Chromium, Cadmium, Arsenic, Lead, and Benzo(a)pyrene was discovered during a site investigation at the property. Groundwater contamination is suspected as well. This 28 acre site was originally leased from the City of Vancouver in the early 1900s by a ship builder. The property appears to have been used as a lumber yard around 1948 and there appears to be also be a asphalt plant visible in aerial photographs near the site during this time. The hotel was constructed in the 1960s and much of the land was paved. There was also a building constructed on site nearly perpendicular to the Columbia River identified as being a chemical storage facility that was demolished in 2006. The purpose of the initial investigation is to confirm or deny the possibility of contamination on site.

In the future, Ecology may conduct a more detailed inspection of this property including testing for possible contamination. This inspection is called a "Site Hazard Assessment". At that time, Ecology will assess whether action will be needed and if necessary establish a priority for the work.

Ecology's policy is to work cooperatively with individuals to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. Your cooperation with Ecology in planning or conducting a remedial action is not an admission of guilt or liability. Please be aware of state laws that must be adhered to if you decide to proceed with cleanup work on your own. The primary law is Chapter 70.105D RCW and the implementing regulations, the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation (MTCA or Chapter 173-340 WAC). These laws can be found at Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program website, <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxicscleanup/policy>.

If you would like a printed copy of the MTCA regulations or if you have questions call me at (360) 407-6240. These rules and how they impact each site can be confusing and complicated. There are Environmental Consultants that can be employed to assist property owners with the cleanup and site assessment process.

Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program is designed to provide technical assistance, for a fee, to cleanup sites that qualify. If you would like additional information regarding this program you can find information on our website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/vcpmain.htm> or you can contact Scott Rose at 360-407-6347.

Sincerely,



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