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March 13, 2020

A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still 101 West Wine Country Road Grandview, WA 98930

RE: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

• Site Name:

DeBocks Main Street Texaco (aka Debock's Auto Repair)

• Site Address:

100 West, 101 East, and 101 West Wine Country Road,

Grandview

• Facility/Site No.:

94369212

• Cleanup Site ID:

6910

• Parcel Nos:

23092312463 - 100 West Wine Country Road, Grandview 23092312555 - 101 West Wine Country Road, Grandview 23092312401 - 101 East Wine Country Road, Grandview

## Dear A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still:

This correspondence is the official notice by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) of our determination of your client's status as a potentially liable person (PLP) for the DeBocks Main Street Texaco site (Site).

On November 26, 2019, Ecology sent A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still a written notice of our preliminary determination that A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. We have received and evaluated your comments.

Based on the information available to date, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists which supports the status of A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still as a potentially liable person for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still is a PLP with regard to the Site.

Ecology notes that separate contamination releases have appeared to have taken place at 100 West, 101 East, and 101 West Wine Country Road. These separate releases are being managed under one site, under the name of "DeBocks Main Street Texaco," because groundwater contamination from these releases is co-mingled.

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The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released.



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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 statue 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 A.J. Still and Elizabeth Still to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at the Site. Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter 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, Frank Winslow will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Frank Winslow at (509) 454-7835 or frank.winslow@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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