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Mr. Kenny Lababidi  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Lababidi:

RE: Early Notice Letter regarding the release of hazardous substances on property located at the DNR Work Station, Airport Road, Cle Elum, Washington

Under Chapter 70.105D RCW, within 90 days of receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Site Investigation.

Petroleum and Pentachlorophenol contamination in the soil was reported to this office by Mr. Tom Sunday, Site Assessor, EP Johnson Construction Company, on July 13, 1992. An Initial Investigation was conducted July 14, 1992. Based on visual observation, and other information gained during the initial investigation, Ecology has made a determination that a release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment has occurred.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Ecology maintains a listing of known or suspected contaminated sites. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this information system. Please note that the actions described here do not mean that Ecology has determined that you are a Potentially Liable Person under the Model Toxics Control Act.

Ecology has also determined that a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) described in WAC 173-340-320 will be required at this site. An SHA is an early study to provide preliminary data regarding the relative potential hazard of a site. It is intended to confirm or rule out that a release of a hazardous substance has occurred. Ecology maintains a listing of sites for which SHAs are needed. Priorities of individual sites are continually adjusted relative to additions and deletions. The date or time Ecology will be doing the work cannot be predicted at this time. It is often in the best interest of the owners of listed sites to carry out remedial work on their own as Independent Actions.

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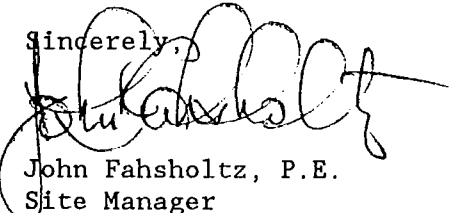
Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup action (WAC 173-340-510). Our policy is to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, I draw your attention to WAC 173-340-300(2) which requires that releases of hazardous substances be reported within 90 days of discovery. To the extent known, the report shall include: The identification and location of the hazardous substance; circumstances of the release; the discovery and remedial actions planned, completed, or underway. Additional requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b) and WAC 173-340-300(4). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed. In the future we may still need to conduct a more detailed inspection of this property, including testing for possible contamination. At that time we may assess the need for further action.

You are encouraged to contact us for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an engineering consultant with appropriate environmental expertise. A copy of engineering consultants available for hire is enclosed along with a copy of Chapter 70.105D, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC which details the requirements of the Act.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act, please call. I can be reached at (509) 454-7841.

Sincerely,



John Fahsholtz, P.E.  
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