

## LMH Environmental, Inc.

April 21, 2020

Dr. Alan Noell, PhD, PE Solid Waste Management Program Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office 3190 160th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Re: McVea's Trucking Company LLC Diesel Fuel Spill, Ravensdale, Washington ERTS No. 696994

Great West Casualty Company Claim No. Q31559

LMH Project No. WA-20-01

Dear Dr. Noell:

On March 5, 2020, a truck operated by McVea's Trucking Company LLC of 20401 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Graham WA 98338-9480, was involved in an accident on the Reserve Silica Corporation facility at 28131 SE Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale WA 98051. The approximate physical location of the accident site is indicated on Figure 1. The coordinates of the spill site are N 47.3467°, W -121.9933°.

The load on the McVea truck had been rejected for being too wet, and the truck was returning to the Reserve Silica property. The paved access road was wet from rainfall and slick, and the truck locked its brakes and slid down the hill into a stormwater ditch. When the front wheels of the truck left the pavement, they sunk into the soft soil, and the front end of the truck pushed up soil to form a berm along the edge of the ditch. The fuel line under the truck was torn loose, and an estimated 30 gallons of diesel fuel were released. The presence of the newly formed berm prevented released fuel from entering the ditch.

LMH Environmental, Inc., of Orangevale, California, was notified of the spill on March 6, 2020, and was authorized to direct the environmental remediation of the spill. However, Reserve Silica had responded to the spill immediately on March 5, 2020, deployed absorbent booms and pads, and notified Aspect Consulting, LLC, of Seattle, Washington, the environmental consultant for Reserve Silica, and the Washington Department of Ecology. Ecology personnel responded to the spill site and assisted Reserve Silica in placing additional containment materials around the truck to prevent diesel fuel from reaching surface water in the stormwater ditch. On March 6, 2020, an Aspect field geologist was on site along with Ecology to observe removal of the McVea truck, evaluate the extent of the spill, and develop a remediation plan.

LMH called Pro-Vac of Seattle, Washington, on March 6, 2020, and directed them to proceed to the Reserve Silica site to provide emergency response activities. Pro-Vac informed LMH that the McVea truck could not be removed from the ditch until its cargo was unloaded. Pro-Vac mobilized two vacuum trucks to the site and used one to offload the McVea truck. The second vacuum truck was used to remove fuel and water ponded under the truck as well as contaminated soil. After the McVea truck was removed by a tow company, Pro-Vac continued removing contaminated soil and water. Remediation activities were continued on March 7, 2020, and again on March 12, 2020.

Reserve Silica took over the direction of remediation activities, which were monitored by Ecology

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and Aspect as remediation progressed. Aspect prepared a letter report documenting remediation activities by Pro-Vac, sample collection by Aspect, and sample analysis by Friedman & Bruya, Inc., of Seattle, Washington. This report was submitted to Mr. Fred White, General Manager for Reserve Silica. Mr. White provided the Aspect report via email to LMH.

Due to the level of detail in the Aspect report, LMH has included the entire Aspect report for reference purposes as an attachment. Permission to use the Aspect report for reference purposes was given by Mr. White. To avoid any confusion, LMH has not added any additional material or made additional comment other than that provided on the first page of this letter. The Aspect report should be used for details relevant to remediation of the subject diesel fuel spill.

On behalf of McVea Trucking Company LLC, LMH requests regulatory closure of this site and issuance of a "No Further Action" letter. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LMH Environmental, Inc.

Richard L. Harness, PE Principal Engineer

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Mr. Victor McVea, McVea's Trucking Company

Mr. Eldin Hamzic, Great West Casualty Company

Mr. Fred White, Reserve Silica Corporation

Ms. Carla Brock, Aspect Consulting

