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Ryan Wales
PO Box 445
Ellensburg, WA 98926-1914

Dear Ryan Wales:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) wants to let you know that contamination from an adjacent property (200 South Railroad Avenue, parcel no. 226833) may be impacting your property. During an environmental investigation, testing of shallow soil revealed a particular type of contaminant called dioxin, which may have been from a former burn pile.

Ecology encourages you to negotiate an access agreement with your neighbor to allow access on your property for additional sampling. If more contamination is found, it will be cleaned up under the existing agreement Ecology has with Smith-Kem. If he has not already, Smith-Kem's representative, Andy King, will be contacting you.

Both Smith Kem Ellensburg, Inc. (Smith Kem) and Shell Oil Company have had an agreement with Ecology since 2016 to complete an investigation to figure out where the contamination from hazardous substances is so it can be cleaned up.

We'd appreciate your help as we work to find and clean up contamination. If you have questions, please contact me directly at either (509) 454-7836 or (509) 731-9613, or at john.mefford@ecy.wa.gov.

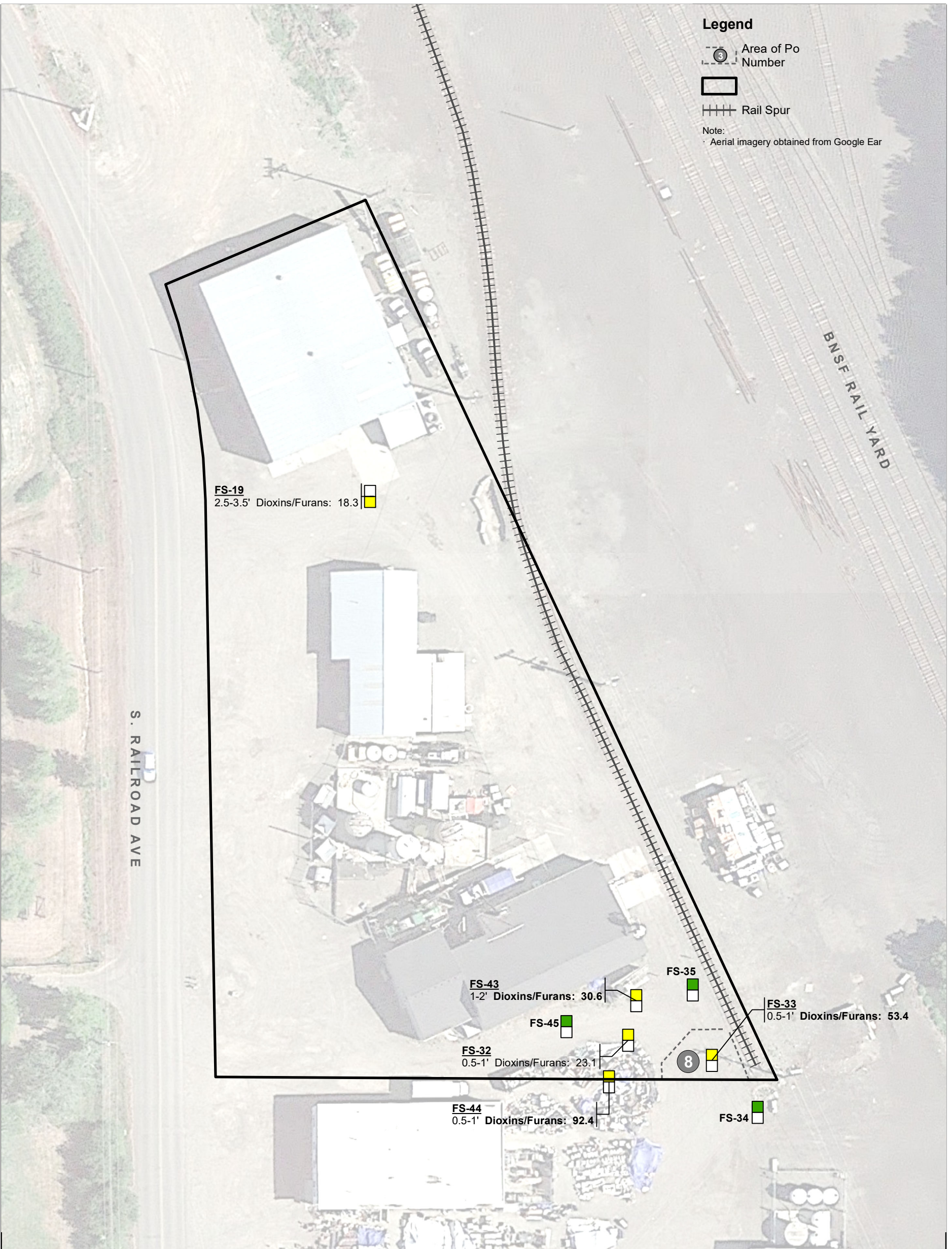
Sincerely,

John Mefford, LHG
Cleanup Project Manager/Hydrogeologist
Toxics Cleanup Program
Central Region Office

Enclosure (1): Dioxin Exceedances of Direct Contact Soil Screening Levels (draft)

cc: Allison Geiselbrecht, Floyd Snider
Koalani Kaulukukui-Barbee, Office of the Attorney General
Andrew King, PKG Law, P.S.
Andrea Wing, Shell Oil Products US





Soil Labels

Location ID: **FS-43**
 Vadose (1) → [Yellow Box] | 1-2' Dioxins/Furans: **31**
 Saturated → [White Box]

Analyte and Result (ng/kg) (BOLD Indicates Exceedance of >2 times)
 Sample Depth (ft bgs)

Boxes are colored according to the highest concentration detected within that depth interval. Top box represents vadose zone soil; bottom box represents saturated soil.

- Not analyzed.
- All results less than criteria.
- One or more results exceeds criteria.

Criteria (ng/kg)

Analyte	Soil Direct Contact SL
Dioxins/Furans	13

Notes:
 1) The vadose zone is from 0 to 3 feet bgs except for locations on the BNSF property, where the vadose zone is from 0 to 4 feet bgs. Only detected results that exceed the direct contact SL are shown. The direct contact SL is protective of unrestricted (residential) land use. Results are presented as values; results and qualifiers for all samples are included in Table 6.11.