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December 19, 2019

Michael L. Dunning
Perkins Coie
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Seattle, WA 98101-3099

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

- **Site Name:** Troy Laundry Seattle
- **Site Address:** 307 Fairview Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 11690
- **Facility/Site ID:** 19135499

Dear Michael L. Dunning:

On October 1, 2018, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent your client, Seattle Times, written notice of our preliminary determination that Seattle Times is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Troy Laundry Seattle facility (Site). On November 1, 2018, the 30-day comment period on our preliminary determination expired.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Seattle Times is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Seattle Times is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. 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 statute 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 the Seattle Times to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this 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)).

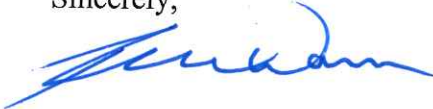


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Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, Sunny Becker, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Sunny Becker at sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov or call her at (425) 649-7187.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Warren
Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program, NWRO

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