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July 1, 2020

Sterling Gray
Realta Thuaidh LLC
1200 West 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
sterlingG@northstarcasteel.com

Re: Rescission of No Further Action (NFA) Status for the following Site:

- **Site Name:** Varicast Inc
- **Site Address:** 1200 West 13th Street, Vancouver, Clark County, WA 98660
- **Facility/Site ID:** 1034
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 3022

Dear Sterling Gray:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a No Further Action (NFA) determination for the Varicast Inc (Site) (Enclosure A) on January 18, 1996. A subsequent May 3, 2018, *Updated Subsurface Investigation Letter Report*, completed by Environmental Partners Inc.,¹ provided additional information that significant contamination remains at this Site. Contamination was identified at concentrations greater than Model Toxics Control Act Method A cleanup levels for the following constituents:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyls, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals in soil and/or groundwater (Enclosure B, Figure 6).

Based on this information, Ecology believes the contamination identified is related to historical releases and rescinds the January 18, 1996, NFA determination. The effective date of the rescission is the date of this letter.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/CleanupSiteDocuments.aspx?csid=3022>

Next Steps

Ecology will update its records to reflect that Ecology has rescinded the NFA determination for this Site, and the Site will be listed in future publications of the Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List.²

If you have any questions about the rescission or next steps, please contact me at (360) 407-6257 or marian.abbett@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Marian Abbett, P.E.,
Acting Section Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Southwest Regional Office

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Enclosures (2): A – January 18, 1996 NFA Letter
 B – Figure 6: Summary of Soil Analytical Results

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² Available at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/tcpwebreporting/reports/cleanup/contaminated>

Enclosure A

January 18, 1996 NFA Letter

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December 12, 1995

Mr. Dan Schwartz
Varicast, Inc.
PO Box 17216
Portland, OR 97217

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Thank you for submitting the results of your soil sampling for review by the Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology appreciates your initiative in providing the Toxic Cleanup Program the additional site information requested to determine your site status under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

The Washington State Department of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has reviewed the following laboratory analyses related to your property located at 1200 West 13th Street, Vancouver, (Clark County) Washington 98660.

1. Columbia Analytical Services, TCLP metals analyses, May 18, 1995.
2. Sample location map provided by Varicast, October 23, 1995.
3. Columbia Analytical Services, total metal analyses for cadmium, chromium, and lead, October 22, 1995

This information will be kept in the Central Files of the Southwest Regional Office of Ecology. The reports in Central Files are made available for public review by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the SWRO resource person at (360) 407-6366.

Based on the above listed information, Ecology has determined that, at this time, a significant release of heavy metals into the soil at the former casting sand storage area has not occurred.

Therefore, Ecology is issuing this determination that no further action is necessary at this site under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ch. 70.105D RCW. However, please note that because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree with Ecology, this letter is not a settlement by the state under RCW 70.105D.040(4).

This determination is made only with respect to the portion of the Varicast property previously leased from Burlington Northern and used for storage of casting sand. This no further action determination applies only to the soil at the above mentioned property located at 1200 West 13th Street, Vancouver, Washington. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, any other areas on the property, or any other properties owned or operated by Varicast.

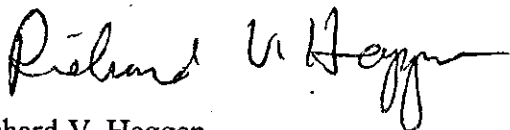
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Ecology does not assume any liability for any release, threatened release or other conditions at the site, or for any actions taken or omitted by any person or his/her agents or employees with regard to the release, threatened release, or other conditions at the site.

Ecology will update the appropriate site databases to reflect this "No Further Action" determination. Your site will not appear in future publications of the Ecology Site Information System database.

If you have any questions about any of the information presented in this letter, please contact me at (360) 407-6267.

Sincerely,



Richard V. Heggen
Site Assessor
Southwest Regional Office
Toxics Cleanup Program

RVH:jr

cc: Ken Porter, Varicast
Tom White, SW Washington Health District



View to the west of the Varicast office and facility.



View the south of nearby residences.

Varrich Casting (Varicast)
Removal of Site from SIS List
Site Reconnaissance
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to limited resources and requirements in state law,

\$we are not always able to provide requested assistance. Furthermore, your cooperation

\$with Ecology in planning or conducting a remedial action is not admission of guilt or

\$liability. If you decide to proceed with work on your own, please advise us in

\$advance and be aware that there are requirements in the state law



View to the east of the BN Railroad lot and & area of investigation.



View of key sample location.

Vanrich Casting (Varicast)
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Additional data could include any environmental assessments or laboratory analyses

which have been conducted regarding this site and which have not previously been

submitted to Ecology. Every attempt will be made to obtain the most recent and

accurate data for scoring your site. If you have better information or comments on

the adequacy of the data we already have, please let

as
NFA, will be
published in
the Site
Register.

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In addition to any required field work, information from Ecology Southwest Regional
Office site files will be considered in scoring this site.6

You are requested to submit any additional environmental information regarding this
site

to:6
Mr. Tom White
Southwest Washington Health District
P.O. Box 1870
Vancouver WA98668

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View to the southwest of the Vaircast office.



Another view to the varicast facility.

Enclosure B

Figure 6 – Summary of Soil Analytical Results

(From Environmental Partners Inc., *Updated Subsurface Investigation Letter Report*, May 3, 2018)

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