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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

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Mr. Don Michelsen  
North Central Petroleum  
116 Omak Ave  
Omak, WA 98841

RE: Early Notice North Central Petroleum Spill, Highway 17, Milepost 123  
Ecology Site Information System Number: C-09-2009-000

Dear Mr. Michelsen:

I am writing to you due to information the Department of Ecology has gathered regarding the North Central Petroleum Spill, Highway 17, Milepost 123. Under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW) Ecology maintains a database of known or suspected contaminated sites. Based on available information, Ecology has added the North Central Petroleum Spill to our database. This spill occurred on and the cleanup site includes Department of Transportation State Highway 17 right of way and Washington State Department of Natural Resources property. Please note that inclusion in the database **does not** mean that Ecology has determined that the North Central Petroleum or the property owners are potentially liable persons under the Model Toxics Control Act.

The information that Ecology has at this time provides evidence that petroleum contaminated soils remain in the ground after a partial removal action. The removal action was conducted after a tanker truck accident that released petroleum products to the ground. Ecology will be conducting a more detailed inspection of this property, including testing for possible contamination, at a future time. After that, we will be better able to assess whether action will be needed and to establish a state priority for the site cleanup work.

It is Ecology's policy to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective cleanups. However, due to limited resources and requirements in state law, we are not always able to provide requested assistance in a timely manner. Cooperating with the Department in planning or conducting a remedial action is not admission of guilt or liability. If you decide to proceed with an independent cleanup, please be aware to adhere to the requirements in state law. Please contact me for a copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW (The Model Toxics Control Act) and the implementing regulations, Chapter 173-340 WAC, which detail these requirements.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may call me at (509) 454-7840. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark Peterschmidt".

Mark Peterschmidt  
Environmental Specialist  
Toxics Cleanup Program

cc: Don Abbott, WDOE  
Phil Clark, WDNR  
Dan Gates  
Bob Stowe