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Shane DeGross
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RE: Satisfaction of Agreed Order No. DE 15694 and No Further Action at the following Contaminated Site:

- **Site Name:** Michael Irrigation (aka John Michael Lease Site)
- **Site Address:** 5640 Sunset Highway, Cashmere
- **Facility/Site No.:** 3154383
- **Cleanup Site ID No.:** 2149
- **Agreed Order No.:** DE 15694

Dear Shane DeGross:

Thank you for working with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on the Michael Irrigation Site (Site). This letter provides written notification that the remedial actions required by Agreed Order No. DE 15694 have been satisfactorily completed and that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D RCW. The Order became effective on May 24, 2018.

Satisfaction of Order

Ecology has determined the requirements of the Order have been satisfied. Ecology made this determination pursuant to Section IX (Satisfaction of Order).

The remedial actions required by the Order are specified in Section VII (Work to Be Performed) and in Scope of Work and Schedule (Exhibit B). BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) was required to perform investigation activities and preparation of a Remedial Investigation (RI) Report.

After reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report and filing of an Environmental Covenant (EC), Ecology has determined that the remedial actions required by the Order have been satisfactorily completed.



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No Further Action Determination

Ecology has determined that no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site under MTCA. Ecology has also determined that no post-cleanup controls or monitoring are necessary under MTCA.

The RI Report found that although petroleum contamination remains in soil and groundwater at the Site, the remaining petroleum does not present a threat to human health and the environment based on the following:

- The human health direct contact pathway for soil is addressed through the EC by preventing contact to contaminated soil.
- Ecological receptor pathways are addressed since the contamination is below a depth of six feet in areas where ecological receptors may be present.
- The contaminated groundwater has been demonstrated through investigation and monitoring events to be localized to a small area south of and near the railroad tracks and is not migrating. The EC includes a provision prohibiting water wells.

Thank You

Thank you for cleaning up the Site. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ecology's cleanup project manager for this Site, Frank Winslow, at (509) 424-0453 (cell) or Frank.Winslow@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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