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City of Wenatchee
Department of Public Works
PO Box 519
Wenatchee, WA 98801

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Early Notice Letter Regarding the Release of Hazardous Substances on property located at 1804 N Western St, Wenatchee, WA, UST #502971, Facility Site ID # 39838199

Under Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW), upon receiving a report of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that may pose a threat to human health or the environment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to conduct an Initial Investigation (II). The II is based upon the Ecology file which includes the July 1999 report titled "Site Assessment, Underground Storage Tank Removal" by Hammond, Collier, & Wade-Livingstone Associates, Inc.

Two unregistered 300-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) containing diesel and gasoline were removed on June 10, 1999 by the City of Wenatchee under the supervision of Appleland Pump & Equipment. Tanks were likely installed prior to 1976. A site assessment was completed by Hammond, Collier, & Wade-Livingstone Associates. Laboratory results from the confirmation soil samples from the limits of the excavation showed diesel contamination present up to 6,920 ppm under tank #1 which exceeds the Method A cleanup level of 2,000 ppm. This soil contamination was not remediated and remains at the site.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ecology maintains a statewide database of confirmed or suspected contaminated sites. This database is made available to the public upon request and online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cscs/CSCSpag.HTML>. It is Ecology's decision that the above-referenced property will be added to this database because of residual diesel soil contamination above the MTCA Method A cleanup level.

Please note that inclusion in the database does **not** mean that Ecology has made a determination regarding the identification of any potentially liable person(s) under the Model Toxics Control Act (administered under Chapter 173-340 WAC).



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It is the policy of the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with persons to accomplish prompt and effective site cleanups. Ecology prefers to achieve site cleanup cooperatively through independent cleanup actions (WAC 173-340-510). Cooperating with Ecology in planning or conducting remedial actions is not an admission of guilt or liability.

In proceeding with an independent cleanup, please be aware that there are requirements in state law which must be adhered to. In particular, WAC 173-340-300(4) requires a report of independent actions. To the extent known, the report shall include:

1. identification and location of the hazardous substance(s)
2. circumstances of the release and discovery
3. remedial actions planned, completed, or underway

More requirements of independent cleanup actions are discussed in WAC 173-340-120(8)(b). Ecology will use the appropriate requirements contained throughout this chapter in its evaluation of the adequacy of any independent remedial actions performed.

You are encouraged to contact Ecology for limited informal advice and assistance. For technical assistance you are advised to hire an environmental consultant with the appropriate expertise. A copy of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act, and the implementing regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC, which details the requirements of the Act, is enclosed.

If you would like Ecology to review the independent cleanup actions conducted and determine if the site warrants **no further action**, you are encouraged to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Information about the Voluntary Cleanup Program is available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm>, or you may contact Mark Dunbar, CRO VCP Coordinator, at (509) 454-7842.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (509) 454-7290.

Sincerely,



Brian T. Deeken
Site Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosure