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Memorandum

To: Administrators of Environmental Compliance History Online (ECHO)

RE: Erroneous violations listed in Department of Ecology's WQ database and ECHO

Seacast, Inc., Marysville, WA is a foundry engaged in the investment casting of predominantly ferrous metals and discharges pretreated industrial wastewater under WA State wastewater discharge permit number ST0007380 to the City of Marysville's wastewater treatment plant. The permit requires the facility to monitor for certain pollutant parameters and report the results to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) on a specified basis. The facility has an excellent compliance record with its wastewater discharge permit.

The ECHO website shows that Seacast, Inc. has been in noncompliance for the past 12 quarters. However, the 'violations' listed in Ecology's, Water Quality Program Permitting and Reporting Information System (PARIS) website have been addressed and are not actual violations. The listed violations arose due to a time lag in processing permit modification applications and commencement of approved discharge practices. Seacast's wastewater discharge permit has a provision under special condition S8 that requires the Permittee to *"submit a new application or supplement at least 60 days prior to commencement of discharges, resulting from the activities listed below, which may result in permit violations. These activities include any facility expansions, production increases, or other planned changes, such as process modifications, in the permitted facility."*

Seacast applied for flow increases as a result of increases in production, separately, in 2016 and in 2017 promptly complying with the application time requirements of the permit. However, Ecology was not able to modify the permit in both instances by the 60-day time period. Hence, Seacast was permitted to discharge at the requested increased flows prior to permit modification. Since the permit was not modified until nearly six months had elapsed, the electronic discharge monitoring report (DMR) requirements were not updated, and thus the higher flow volumes that were discharged after the 60-day period resulted in flagging of the data automatically by Ecology's database system.

Ecology is writing this letter to ECHO to confirm that Seacast has not had any permit violations in the past 12 quarters. Ecology requests that ECHO clear the noncompliance status shown for Seacast for the entirety of the last 12 quarters.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Biniam Zelelow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Biniam Zelelow

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