

## Department of Environmental Quality Northwest Region

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Lauren Mancuso Union Pacific Railroad 1408 Middle Harbor Road Oakland, CA 94607

RE: Voluntary Cleanup Agreement for PCB Areawide – N Bradford St. ROW, Portland, Oregon ECSI No. 6480

## Dear Lauren Mancuso:

This letter responds to your request to investigate and/or clean up contaminated property under the review and oversight of the Department of Environmental Quality's Voluntary Cleanup Program. This letter also serves as a Letter Agreement between you and DEQ, regarding DEQ review and oversight of the investigation and/or cleanup of hazardous substances at the PCB Areawide – N Bradford St. ROW site located along the N Bradford St right-of-way near N Alta Ave between N Baltimore Ave. and N Pittsburg Ave. in Portland, Oregon.

DEQ agrees to review environmental documents submitted by you or on your behalf regarding the investigation and/or cleanup of the above-referenced site, and to review related information available in DEQ's files, and conduct a site visit if necessary. DEQ will then recommend a course of action to complete the project. The course of action may include, but not be limited to, additional investigation, risk assessment, remedial action evaluation and selection, and/or a "no further action" determination consistent with the Environmental Cleanup Law. DEQ will provide public notice and opportunity for comment on any remedial action proposal or "no further action" determination in accordance with ORS 465.320. DEQ will also determine, in consultation with you, the form of any further agreement needed to manage the project most effectively.

DEQ requires that persons seeking DEQ review and oversight of investigation and cleanup activities to pay outstanding site assessment costs, provide a minimum deposit of \$5,000 as an advance against costs which DEQ will incur. DEQ is waiving the deposit for this agreement and will provide you with a monthly invoice and direct labor summary. When you have signed this letter to formalize your request, a sub-account of the Hazardous Substances Remedial Action Fund will be established to be drawn upon by DEQ as project costs are incurred.

DEQ project costs will include direct costs and indirect costs. Direct costs include site-specific expenses and legal costs. Indirect costs are those general management and support costs of the State of Oregon and DEQ allocable to DEQ oversight of this Letter Agreement and not charged as direct site-specific costs. Indirect charges are based on actual costs and are applied as a percentage of direct personal services costs. Review and oversight costs will not include any unreasonable costs or costs not otherwise recoverable by DEQ under ORS 465.255.

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Either you or DEQ may terminate this Letter Agreement by giving 15 days advance written notice to the other. Only those costs incurred or obligated by DEQ prior to the effective date of any termination of this Letter Agreement shall be recoverable under this Agreement. Termination of this Letter Agreement will not affect any other right DEQ may have for recovery of costs under applicable law.

You shall hold DEQ harmless for any claims (including but not limited to claims of property damage or personal injury) arising from activities performed by you and reviewed or overseen by DEQ under this Letter Agreement.

This Letter Agreement is not and shall not be construed as an admission by you of any liability under ORS 465.255 or any other law or as a waiver of any defense to such liability. This Letter Agreement is not and shall not be construed as a waiver, release, or settlement of claims DEQ may have against you or any other person or as a waiver of any enforcement authority DEQ may have with respect to you or the property. Upon DEQ's request and as necessary to oversight of your work under this Letter Agreement, you shall provide DEQ with data and records related to investigation and cleanup activities at the property, excluding any privileged documents identified as such by you.

DEQ appreciates your interest in the Voluntary Cleanup Program and looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Parrett, Manager Northwest Region Cleanup

If the terms of this Agreement are acceptable to you, please have it executed by an authorized representative in the space provided below. Please return the signed agreement to the project manager at franziska.landes@deq.oregon.gov.

Accepted and agreed to this \_\_\_\_7 \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_February\_, 2022.

By: Lauren Mancuso Lauren Mancuso

Title: Senior Manager, Environmental Site Remediation