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Roxane,

An Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA), dated May 21, 2024, was prepared for the former Lincoln School property located at 550 N Court Ave, Burns, Oregon (Site). The ABCA presented viable cleanup alternatives based on site-specific conditions, effectiveness, ability to implement, cost, and green remediation considerations. The primary hazardous substances of concern at the Site are asbestos-containing material (ACM), lead-based paint (LBP) and petroleum contaminants associated with a former heating oil aboveground storage tank (AST).

The ABCA was completed for Harney County to be eligible to apply for a competitive EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant to implement the selected cleanup alternative at the Site. The preferred remedial alternative selected based on evaluation of implementability, effectiveness and cost was the option to abate ACM, abate or encapsulate lead-based paint, and remove the heating oil AST and cleanup any associated impacted underlying concrete/soil.

The community was offered an opportunity to comment on the draft proposal and the draft ABCA at a public meeting held on October 25, 2022, and through a Community Notification ad. The draft ABCA summarized information about the site and contamination issues, cleanup standards, applicable laws, cleanup alternatives considered, and the proposed cleanup was available for review.

DEQ agrees the abatement of the ACM, abatement or encapsulation of lead-based paint, and removal of the heating oil AST and cleanup of associated impacted underlying concrete/soil is an appropriate remedial action at this property. The abatement of ACM is required to be performed by an Oregon DEQ-licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

DEQ appreciates the opportunity to assist you in the redevelopment of this property. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (503) 229-5585 or kara.e.master@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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