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RE: Approval of Closure Report
for Former Merwyn Hotel in Astoria
ECSI #6290

Dear Ms. Garver:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its review of the September 20, 2022 *Closeout Report* for the former Merwyn Hotel, located at 1067 Duane Street in Astoria.

Innovative Housing, Inc. (IHI) entered into an Order on Consent (Consent Order) with DEQ in October 2018 as a prospective purchaser of the former Merwyn Hotel property. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Consent Order, IHI agreed to investigate and remediate environmental contamination at the property in accordance with a DEQ-approved Scope of Work (SOW).

The SOW required, among other tasks, the preparation of a Contaminated Media Management Plan (CMMP), the installation of appropriate vapor mitigation engineering controls, and an investigation of indoor air conditions. A CMMP was completed and approved in January 2020, piping for a vapor collection and venting system was laid down and capped by a vapor barrier and new concrete floor in 2021, and confirmation indoor air samples were collected in 2022.

DEQ has determined that IHI has satisfactorily completed its remedial work in accordance with the SOW. In accordance with Section 12.B. of the Consent Order, DEQ will provide public notice and an opportunity to comment on a proposed certification decision and, after consideration of public comments, will issue a decision on a final Certification of Completion for the Consent Order.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (503) 229-5369, or via e-mail at kevin.dana@deq.oregon.gov. DEQ thanks you for your work on this project.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dana, Project Manager
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