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Northwest Region

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October 12, 2023

Kenny Hess 4405 Old Fort Rd. Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Annual Inspection for Parcel AQ

North Ridge Estates Superfund Site

ECSI No. 5987

Dear Kenny Hess:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality completed an annual inspection of the protective cap on your property located at 2720 Old Fort Road during the week of July 3, 2023. The protective cap appears to be in good condition with a few minor areas to watch. Enclosed for your information is a summary of the inspection.

Recommendations: 1) Seal asphalt cracks in driveway; 2) repair rills and tire tracks (armor as needed); and 3) seed area of sparse vegetation.

The next inspection will be performed in June 2024. Please continue to contact DEQ prior to any disturbing any of the protective caps on your property with the exception of soil disturbances less then 2 feet below the ground surface. A fact sheet with additional information is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-860-3943, or via email at Katie. Daugherty@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Katie Daugherty, R.G.

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Project Manager

NWR Cleanup Section

Enclosures

Digging at the North Ridge Estates Superfund Site

What do I need to do or know?

- 1) Perform all other normal permitting and utility locates as you would for any other project.
- 2) Be familiar with the types of protectives caps at North Ridge Estates. The protective cap is intended to prevent people's exposure to any remaining asbestos-contaminated materials, including asbestos fibers in soil. Protective caps include:
 - A two-foot layer of clean soil with vegetation
 - Asphalt and concrete surfaces, such as garage concrete floor or basement concrete floor
 - Boulders
 - Black liners installed below covered porches and in home crawl spaces
 - Orange liners below the soil cap
- 3) Review the terms of the Easement and Equitable Servitude (EES) document recorded on the deed of your property. Determine if your planned activity is within the area covered by restrictions outlined in the EES. Some properties on the edge of the Superfund site only have a portion of the property restricted. *General rule of thumb: if the area was excavated during the Superfund Cleanup, the area is restricted.* Can't find your EES? Contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) project manager and they will email you a copy.
- 4) All activities or uses that could jeopardize the function of the protective cap, are prohibited without prior written approval from the DEQ.
- 5) Follow the steps below for your specific activity.

I want to dig less than two feet - what are the required steps?

- 1) Minor activities are allowed within the *soil protective cap*, such as installing fence posts, planting, or other activities that go no deeper than two feet below the ground surface without prior written approval from DEQ.
- 2) You must fully restore the cap to the surface after the activities are completed.
- 3) Stop immediately and call the DEQ project manager if you see an orange liner. *No matter the depth!* You are entering an asbestos contamination zone and risk exposure to asbestos if you continue.



Example of Orange Liner. 2018. Installing marker barrier consisting of rock base and orange liner on Parcel B prior to covering with clean soil.



Example of Black Liner. 2018. Black liner with rock to hold in place on Parcel A.

I want to dig deeper than two feet, dig below a black or orange liner, dig through asphalt or concrete, or move boulders on my property - what are the required steps?

1) Fill out the *North Ridge Estates Earthwork Notification and Reporting Form* and submit this form to the DEQ project manager. Can't find the form? Contact the project manager and they will email you a copy.

The project manager will review the information provided in the form and work with you to determine the conditions under which your work may be performed.

If your work will breach the cap, you must, at your own expense, use an Oregon-licensed asbestos abatement company during any action that may disturb a contaminated area. Any excavated material, including soil, will be required to be disposed at a landfill. If the liner is damaged during work, you must replace it at your expense.

2) Once work is complete, fill out the reporting section of the *North Ridge Estates Earthwork Notification and Reporting Form* and return to the DEQ project manager.



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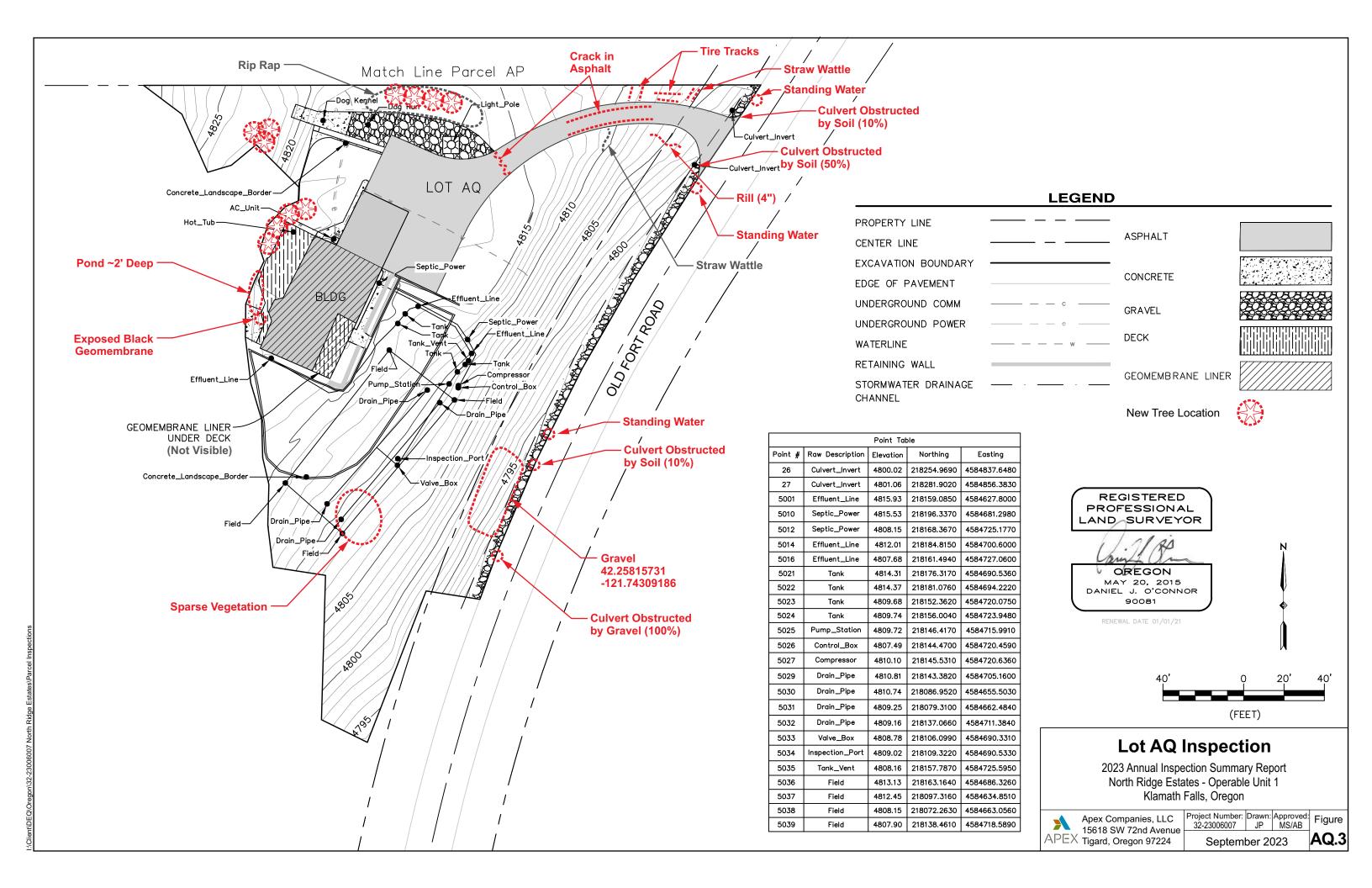
Alternative formats

DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email deginfo@deq.oregon.gov



Part I. General Site Information										
Site Name:	North Ridge Estates			State/County:			Oregon (Klamath County)	Parcel/Tax ID:	Parcel AQ	
EPA Point of Contac	PA Point of Contact Linda Meyer (206) 553-6636			ODEQ Point of Contact			Katie Daugherty (503) 860-3943			
nspection Date: 7/6/2023				Person(s) Performing Inspection:			Ben Echt (Apex Companies, LLC)	Person(s) Performing Inspection:		
Part II. Rer	nedy Performance Assessment									
Remedy Component	Potential Problem	Yes (Repair Needed)	Yes (Monitor/ No Repair)	No	N/A		If Yes, De	scribe Extent of Problem	Describe Potential Repair Solution	
Protective Cap	Have rills developed deeper than 2 inches?		×					iveway where stormwater runoff is high. (Same as 2021) north side of the driveway for erosion control.		
	Are the rills within a 10-foot interval?			×						
	Have gullies developed deeper than 6 inches?			×						
	Have animals created burrows in the protective cap?			×						
	Have vehicles damaged the protective cap?		×			Tire Tracks were p	oresent on the northeast corner of the parcel adjace	ent to the driveway, but no damage to the protective cap was noted. (Same a	s 2021)	
	Any evidence of ACM on Site including areas where the protective cap is less than 2 feet (see as-built drawings) or within the dripline of the legacy trees?			×						
	Are there areas that show evidence of unstable slopes, subsidence, or slope failure? Are there signs of active bank erosion and/or lateral cutting?			×						
	Any visible ACM along the perimeter of the Site (where applicable)?			×						
Vegetation	Evidence of distressed or sparse vegetation? (sparse vegetation no greater than 10 percent of area and bare areas no greater than 100 square feet)			×			Sparse vegetation was obs	erved on the south side of the residence.		
	Evidence of trees and shrubs in distress?			×			A total of 11 new trees w	ere observed to be in healthy condition.		
	Are there any stressed or dying trees that may impact or damage the protective cap when felled?			×						

Ditches and Culverts	Obstructions observed in ditches or culverts that may impede conveyance of stormwater?	×				All culverts on Parcel AQ are obstructed with soil and gravel, ranging from 10 to 100%. Culvert located on southernmost portion of parcel is 100% covered by gravel. The placing of gravel was likely related to previous repair work.	Remove obstructions from culverts to enable stormwater flow.
	Damaged observed to riprap surface? Note if riprap is not intact or not effectively providing armor protection.			×			
	Are there any areas that show signs of excessive scour? (i.e., gullies forming along centerline of ditch)			X			
	Are culvert inlets and outlets damaged?			X			
Driveways and Walkways	Are the driveways showing signs of failure? (i.e., alligator cracking)		×			Lateral cracking was noted near the top of the driveway.	
	Are there any other signs of considerable damage to paved surfaces, other than normal wear and use?			X			
Craw Ispaces and Decks	Are the liners inside crawlspaces and under covered decks damaged or punctured?			×		Liner visible under the deck on the east side of the residence.	
	Are the liners exposed to UV radiation?			×			
Access Controls	Where applicable, are access controls in place? Note damage.				×		
	Are changes to the access controls needed?				×		
Miscellaneous Features / Changes in Site Conditions / Misc.	Are there any new site features installed that have damaged the protective cap?		⊠				





Parcel AQ – View facing Southeast from Northwest corner.



 $\label{eq:parcel} \mbox{Parcel AQ-View facing North from Southern corner.}$



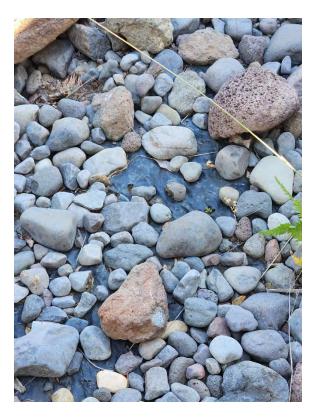


Parcel AQ – View facing Northeast from Southwest corner; sparse vegetation observed.



Parcel AQ – View facing Southwest from Northeast corner.





Parcel AQ – View of black Geomembrane Liner exposed near House on Parcel.



Parcel AQ – View of Gravel Area and blocked Culvert.

