

December 31, 2020

Dan & Jamie Hodson 3560 Old Fort Rd Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Annual Inspection for Parcel M North Ridge Estates Superfund Site ECSI No. 5999

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hodson:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) completed an annual inspection of the protective cap on your property located at 3560 Old Fort Road during the week of October 11, 2021. Enclosed for your information is a summary of the inspection.

Significant areas of the property are devoid of vegetation (see map in inspection report). The two foot soil cover must be maintained to remain protective and the vegetation cover is a key component. The Easement and Equitable Servitude recorded with Klamath County requires you to maintain and keep the protective caps in good repair. Please re-seed the areas within the next 30 days and continue to re-seed until the vegetation cover has been re-established.

DEQ is shifting the annual inspection from the fall to the spring. The next inspection will be performed in May 2022. This will allow DEQ to complete the inspections, notify the owners of any repairs needed, for the owners to perform repairs, and for DEQ to perform a follow-up inspection prior to snow accumulation.

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

Katie Daugherty, R.G. Project Manager and Hydrogeologist NWR Cleanup and Leaking UST Section

Enclosures

## Fact Sheet

# **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 asbestoscontaminated 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.

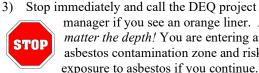
4) All activities or uses that could jeopardize the function of the protective cap, are prohibited without prior written approval from the DEQ.

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.



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.



Department of Environmental Quality

#### Cleanup Program

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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@deg.oregon.gov

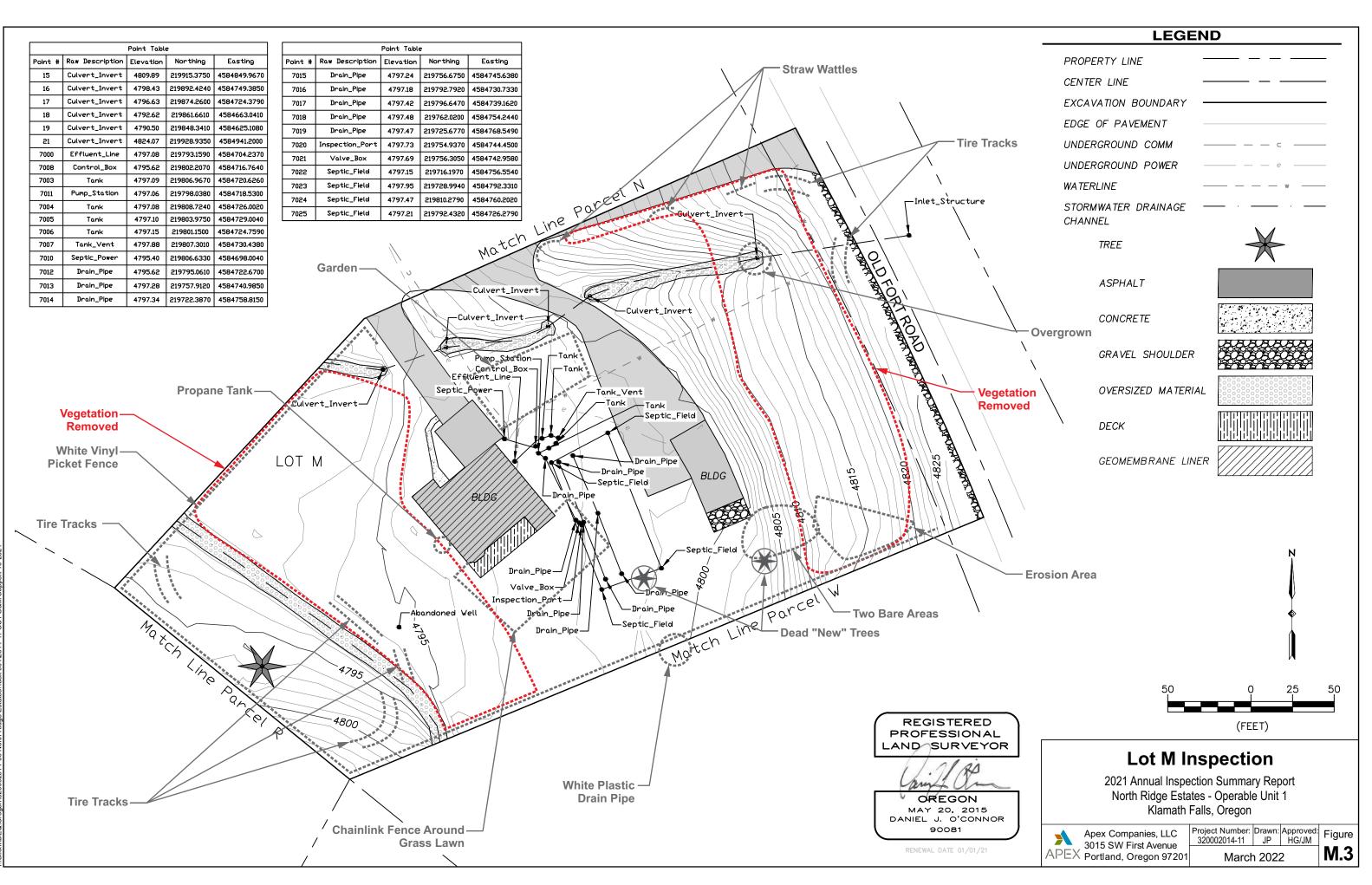
Parcel M

Part I. General Site Information								
Site Name: North Ridge Estates		State/County:			Oregon (Klamath County)	Parcel/Tax ID:	Parcel M	
PA Point of Contact Linda Meyer (206) 553-6636		ODEQ Point of Contact			Act Katie Daugherty (503) 860-3943			
nspection Date	nspection Date: 10/12/2021		Person(s) Performir		s) Performiı	ning Inspection: Saul Montes (Apex Companies, LLC)	Person(s) Performing Inspection:	
Part I	I. Remedy Performance Assessment							
Remedy Component	Potential Problem	Yes (Repair Needed)	Yes (Monitor/No Repair)	No	N/A	lf Yes, D	escribe Extent of Problem	Describe Potential Repair Solution
Protective Cap	Have rills developed deeper than 2 inches?							
	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?					There are numerous locations where riding	mower tires have created ruts in the soil cap. (Same as 2020)	Watch during subsequent inspections and restore surface if ruts become deeper.
	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?			X				
	Any visible ACM along the perimeter of the Site (where applicable)?			X				
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)	$\boxtimes$				Large areas on west and east side o	f parcel have had vegetation removed.	Seed should be placed to establish vegetation.
	Evidence of trees and shrubs in distress?		X			Several of the new trees planted on the south s	ide of the house appear to be dead or stressed. (Same as 2020)	Trees will be monitored during subsequent inspections to verify that dead vegetation does not impact soil cap.
	Are there any stressed or dying trees that may impact or damage the protective when felled?			X				

#### Operations and Maintenance Inspection Form

Operations	and Maintenance	Inspection Form
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Ditches and Culverts	Obstructions observed in ditches or culverts that may impede conveyance of stormwater?				Two culverts are minimally impacted by vegetation.	Watch during subsequent inspections.
	Damaged observed to riprap surface? Note if riprap is not intact or not effectively providing armor protection.		$\boxtimes$			
	Are there any areas that show signs of excessive scour? (i.e., gullies forming along centerline of ditch)					
	Are culvert inlets and outlets damaged?					
Driveways and Walkways	Are the driveways showing signs are failure? (i.e., alligator cracking)		$\boxtimes$			
	Are there any other signs of considerable damage to paved surfaces, other than normal wear and use?		X			
Crawlspaces and Decks	Are the liners inside crawlspaces and under covered decks damaged or punctured?		$\boxtimes$		No liners observed. Crawlspace not inspected.	
	Are the liners exposed to UV radiation?					
is Controls	Are access controls damaged?			X		
	Are changes to the access controls needed?			⊠		
Site	Are there any new site features installed that have damaged the protective cap?		$\boxtimes$			





View of the southern portion of the property, looking from SE corner.



View of the eastern property line, along Old Fort Road.



View of the eastern portion of the property, looking form the eastern property line.



View of the northern property line, looking from the NE corner.



Tire tracks present on the eastern portion of the property. Note large area without vegetation.



Straw wattles were present along the driveway to try and prevent erosion. Some cracking of the driveway was noted adjacent to these areas.



Tire tracks present (less then 4" deep) noted. Note tracks without vegetation along north fence line.



View of the house and landscaping on the eastern portion of the property. Note sparse vegetation observed in this area.



Typical condition of the driveway pavement on the northern property line.



Most culvert were obstructed by some vegetation.



Tire tracks noted on the western portion of the property.



View of the NW edge of the removal area/cap, from the east corner, looking NE. Note large area without vegetation on west side of residence.



View of the SW edge of the removal area/cap, from the east corner looking SE.



No ACM was located within the dripline of legacy trees.



View of the western portion of the property and house. Note large area without vegetation on west side of residence.



View of the southern portion of the parcel from the southern corner. Note large area without vegetation on west side of residence.



View of the western portion of the property, looking from the SW corner.