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Attn: Arya Behbehani

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Re: Bors Property, ECSI #901

Dear Ms Behbehani:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently received an inquiry from the current property owner of the Bors Property site (ECSI #901) about the current validity of the No Further Action (NFA) determination issued to Portland General Electric (PGE) on July 13, 2001. The property owner, Ms Jewel Lanning-Walters, recently had a property sale fail after the prospective buyer reviewed the DEQ site file.

The rural property, southeast of Oregon City, was formerly owned by Joe Bors who used the property for transformer salvaging from the 1970s until about 1985. The dismantling and burning of transformers at this site led to widespread PCB contamination of soil. PGE led a consortium of companies, which were involved in the sale of transformers to Mr Bors, in the cleanup of the site. DEQ subsequently issued an NFA letter in July 2001.

Following a meeting on October 19, 2016, with Ms Lanning-Walters and her real estate agent, Michelle Trachsel, DEQ performed a preliminary file review. We discovered that cleanup activities were performed using the 1997 policy on "Generic Remedies for Soils Contaminated with Polychlorinated Biphenyls." DEQ rescinded this policy in 2011 due to increased concerns about human and ecological risks from exposure to PCBs. The current residential risk-based screening level for PCBs is significantly lower than the value used during the 2001 cleanup. Figures showing confirmation sample results following cleanup suggest that current site risk may be not meet acceptable levels as defined in OAR 340-122-0040(2)(a). DEQ requests your participation in a meeting to discuss the potential reopening of this site. Please contact Bob Williams at williams.robert.k@deq.state.or.us or 503-229-6802 to arrange this meeting. Bob will be the DEQ project manager.

Sincerely,

Kevin Parrett, Manager
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