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RE: No Further Action Determination
for Columbia Blvd POTW- City of Portland
ECSI #0783

Dear Mr. O'Donovan:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the available information for the Columbia Blvd POTW- City of Portland property, including the closure memo entitled, *Memorandum Re: ECSI Site #0783*, dated July 25, 2025, which was submitted to DEQ by the City of Portland. The Columbia Blvd POTW- City of Portland address is 5001 N. Columbia Blvd., Tax Lot 1N1E05C-00800. The attached Figure 1 shows the spill location.

DEQ has determined that remedial action to address environmental contamination at Columbia Blvd POTW- City of Portland is complete, and no further action is required. This determination is a result of our evaluation and judgment based on the DEQ regulations and the facts as we now understand them including:

- The site has been used as a wastewater treatment plant.
- A transformer containing PCBs leaked in a service tunnel in May 1982 or possibly 1980. The release was reported to be less than a 1 foot in diameter on a concrete surface. The stained concrete was patched over.
- A former employee reported to DEQ, in 1988, the leak was much larger.
- DEQ performed a Preliminary Assessment at the site in 1988. Sampling by DEQ detected 50.27 parts per million (ppm) of PCB 1254 under the transformer spicket but was less than 3 ppm elsewhere in the tunnel and sump.
- On July 21, 2025, DEQ and the City of Portland completed a joint site visit. There was no evidence of any contamination on the concrete.

Based on the available information, conditions at Columbia Blvd POTW- City of Portland are currently protective of public health and the environment in accordance with Oregon environmental cleanup law, ORS 465.200 et seq. The site requires no further action unless new or previously undisclosed information becomes available, or there are changes in site development or land and water uses, or more contamination is discovered. DEQ has updated the Your DEQ Online (YDO) database to reflect this decision.

This letter only applies to the release discussed above. If any contaminated media is encountered in the future, it must be handled and disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

A copy of your closure Memo supporting this No Further Action decision can be viewed at <https://ordeq.org/ECSI-0783>. DEQ recommends keeping a copy of all of the documentation associated with this remedial action with the permanent facility records. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Hood at (503) 860-9661, or via email at Robert.Hood@deq.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Parrett', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kevin Parrett, Manager
Northwest Region Cleanup Section

Attachment: Figure 1

cc: ECSI #0783 File

