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Subject: Request for Assessment of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Jackie McMaster:

Information available to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) indicates that historical or current activities at the Tektronix Inc. – Beaverton Campus property (ECSI No.167) may have involved the storage or use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). Of specific concern is Tektronix's long-term manufacturing and assembly of electronic measurement equipment, and associated waste management and treatment operations. Since you are currently investigating historical releases of other hazardous substances from this site, DEQ recommends that you include PFAS as contaminants of potential concern.

As you are aware, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in April 2024,¹ and in the same month issued legally enforceable drinking water standards, or Maximum Contaminant Levels, for PFOA, PFOS, and four additional PFAS: perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), hexafluoropropylene oxide-dimer acid (HFPO-DA, also called Gen-X), and perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS).² EPA has also issued Region Screening Levels for multiple media.³ DEQ has begun rulemaking to include PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-122-0115(30), with expected completion in 2025.

As part of ongoing site investigation work, DEQ recommends that you: a) compile information on historical and current use of PFAS at your facility; and b) perform reconnaissance-level sampling where releases may have occurred. Information collection and sampling would be on a voluntary basis prior completion of DEQ rulemaking.

Please let us know how you plan to proceed.

¹ Designation of PFOA and PFOS as Hazardous Substances under CERCLA. EPA; April 2024.2

² Fact Sheet, PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation. EPA 4.9.24v1

³ Regional Screening Levels (RSLs) – Generic Tables. EPA; November 2024.

Respectfully,



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