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**Subject: Willamette Cove Upland Facility
Quarterly Progress Report – January through March 2025
ECSI No. 2066**

Dear Erin:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with a quarterly progress report on behalf of the Port of Portland (Port) and Metro for the Willamette Cove Upland Facility (Facility). This letter satisfies the requirements of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Agreement for Remedial Investigation and Source Control Measures, effective November 4, 2000, which includes the following:

- Actions performed under the VCP Agreement
- Data generated
- Problems experienced and resolution
- Actions scheduled for the next reporting period

Actions Performed under the VCP Agreement:

- Participated in the Willamette Cove Upland Technical meeting with DEQ on January 9, 2025.
- Submitted summary notes on the January 9, 2025 meeting to DEQ on January 15, 2025.
- Participated in the Willamette Cove Upland Groundwater Source Control meeting to discuss potential options with DEQ on January 16, 2025.
- Submitted the *Revised Draft Supplementary Groundwater Source Control Evaluation Work Plan (Revised Draft Supplementary GW SCE Work Plan)* and *Revised Response to DEQ Comments on the Draft Supplementary GW SCE Work Plan* to DEQ on February 3, 2025.
- Submitted the *Draft Riverbank Soil Reuse Characterization and Upland Screening Work Plan (Riverbank Soil Reuse Work Plan)* to DEQ on February 14, 2025.

- Received comments on the *Draft Willamette Cove Basis of Design Report (Draft BODR)* from DEQ and the Five Tribes on February 18, 2025.
- Received comments on the *Draft Riverbank Soil Reuse Work Plan* from DEQ on February 25, 2025 via email.
- Submitted a Response to DEQs February 25 comments on the *Draft Riverbank Soil Reuse Work Plan* including a *Work Plan Addendum* on March 13, 2025.
- Participated in the Willamette Cove In-Water/Upland Technical Coordination meeting with DEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency on March 20, 2025.
- Implemented the *Draft Riverbank Soil Reuse Work Plan* on February 18, 2025 by collection of discrete soil samples for laboratory archiving pending results of the In-Water Group riverbank characterization work.
- Implemented the *Revised Draft Supplementary GW SCE Work Plan* between March 27 and April 11, 2025.

Data Generated:

Data generated during the implementation of the *Riverbank Soil Reuse Work Plan and Revised Draft Supplementary GW SCE Work Plan* will be presented in forthcoming reports.

Problems Experienced and Resolution:

No problems were encountered during this period.

Actions Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period:

- Quarterly In-Water/Upland technical coordination meeting with DEQ (scheduled for June 19, 2025).
- Evaluate data generated from implementation of the *Supplementary GW SCE Work Plan*.
- Evaluate the next steps in potential reuse of riverbank soil for upland backfill material based on results of riverbank samples collected during the riverbank characterization activities.
- Present the *Draft 30 Percent Design* to DEQ
- Prepare the *Draft Remedial Design Work Plan*.
- Submit a *Revised Draft BODR* and Response to DEQ's February 18, 2025 comments on the *Draft BODR*.

Please call me at (503) 415-6325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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