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Re: EPA Response to Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Request for Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection - Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Training Center (ESCI 1579)

Dear Ms. Wozab:

Thank you for your letter dated January 7, 2026, referring the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Training Center ("Site") to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and requesting initiation of a Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI) to determine any threat or potential threat to public health or the environment and to determine potential sources of contamination.

You noted in your letter that DEQ has identified PFAS impacts at the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Training Center, including detections in on-site fire retention ponds as well as in the on-site drinking water well above the EPA Maximum Contaminant Level. Drinking water resources in the vicinity of the Site have also been impacted by PFAS. However, DEQ has noted it is unclear whether releases from the Site are contributing to drinking water contamination in the area.

EPA has reviewed ODEQ's request as well as available information regarding the Site and agrees that site assessment activities are warranted to evaluate possible exposure pathways, identify any confirmed or suspected sources of PFAS releases, and support coordinated efforts to protect public health and the environment.

EPA further acknowledges and appreciates the planning completed by DEQ in preparation for potential PFAS detections in private wells that will be sampled as part of EPA's site assessment activities. As communicated on February 25, 2026, DEQ has established a clear, actionable response framework that includes coordinated notification of affected well owners with Oregon Health Authority support, designation of the area as an Orphan site to release funding, provision of bottled water as an interim measure, evaluation of long-term mitigation options such as wellhead treatment systems, and initiation of responsible party identification and cost recovery. EPA also recognizes DEQ's stated commitment to engage Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue regarding financial obligations associated with potential releases and to ensure safe drinking water is provided promptly where impacts are identified.

EPA values DEQ's early coordination and preparedness measures, which will help ensure that protective actions can be implemented promptly should sampling confirm impacts to private wells.

EPA looks forward to continued collaboration as we initiate a Preliminary Assessment and work together to address PFAS contamination concerns at and around the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Training Center.

Justin Hodgson, the EPA Site Assessment Manager assigned to this project, has been in contact with your staff, and will continue to coordinate with them to develop a plan to carry out the field work for site assessment activities. Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Justin at 206-553-6516 or [hodgson.justin@epa.gov](mailto:hodgson.justin@epa.gov) or myself at 206-553-6396 or [perkins.brandon@epa.gov](mailto:perkins.brandon@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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