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Hello Chris,

Thank you for reaching out to Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program regarding the Pioneer Museum cleanup site. I have looked at Ecology's site file, 2018 SEPA records, and pages from the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the site by Earth Solutions NW that you provided by email.

Based on my review of the documents, cleanup of the Pioneer Museum may be required by Ecology under the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and implementing regulations contained in Chapter 173-340 WAC. We recommend that the City of Puyallup require pollution in the environment be cleaned up in compliance with WAC 173-340 before allowing any grading, filling, or other construction activities at the site, and while contaminated soil and groundwater are still easily accessible. For an independent cleanup conducted under WAC 173-340-515, the cleanup would be complete when a no further action opinion (NFA) letter is issued under WAC 173-340-515(5)(b).

The project applicant may want to consider entering [Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program \(VCP\)](#) or expedited VCP. Under the VCP, Ecology works with customers by reviewing and providing technical opinions on cleanup work required by the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), which is Washington's environmental cleanup law. Jerome Lambiotte (cc'd here) is the VCP supervisor for the southwest region, which includes Puyallup. He can answer your questions about the VCP and what next steps would be under that program.

We recommend the following steps with regard to the Pioneer Museum site:

- Request the applicant submit the Phase I ESA to Ecology. The applicant also should submit documentation of the disposition of the approximately 50 drums and containers of waste material formerly present on the property.
- Include mitigation measures in the SEPA Determination to require site cleanup before any site disturbance or development of the property. Many cities in southwest Washington do require cleanup of known sites before development.
- Request the project applicant work with Ecology to clean up the site, such as through the VCP, and obtain an NFA. This typically involves the applicant hiring an environmental consultant familiar with cleanup in Washington State to assist the applicant through the [steps in the cleanup process](#).

If you have questions or want to discuss the site in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Sandy Smith

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