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Re: DEQ Approval
Feasibility Study Work Plan
Former Pope & Talbot Wood-Treating Site
ECSI #959
St. Helens, Oregon

Dear Mr. Allison,

Thank you for your submittal of the Feasibility Study Work Plan (FS Work Plan) for the Former Pope & Talbot Wood-Treating Site (Site) on November 4, 2019. This revised, final version of the FS Work Plan was submitted in response to August 26, 2019 DEQ comments on the July 16, 2019 draft FS Work Plan. DEQ finds the comments were adequately addressed in the November 4 submittal, and hereby approves the FS Work Plan.

DEQ understands that Oregon State University (OSU) researchers recently deployed sampling devices in the Site locality of facility. Please plan to provide all data generated by OSU to DEQ upon receipt. These data may be used to refine the Site conceptual site model and inform the feasibility study.

As indicated in my comments on the draft FS Work Plan, before considerable work on the feasibility study is conducted, I would appreciate the opportunity to have a technical working meeting with you and your consultant to discuss the alternatives to be evaluated in the feasibility study. Please contact me when it is opportune to schedule a meeting.

DEQ appreciates the significant progress the Port has made this year towards completing the remedial investigation and developing remedial alternatives to protect human health and the environment from hazardous substances at the site. DEQ remains committed to supporting continued progress on the site and selecting a remedy in 2020. To that end, please plan to provide a draft Feasibility Study Report in the spring of 2020.

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Sincerely,



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