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July 28, 2003

Mona Beach
563 Walla Walla Way
La Conner, WA 98257

RE: Property located at 7421 Spruce Street, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
Skagit County Parcel, Tax ID: P63084
Legal: M/H 75 NASHUA 70X14 S/N 19590 CAPE HORN ON THE SKAGIT
LOTS 2 AND 3 BLK F

Release for Use Per WAC 246-205-580

Dear Mrs. Beach:

On December 7, 2002 an illegal methamphetamine drug lab was confiscated by the Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit while executing a search warrant at the above address. Structures on the property included a mobile home, a 16 foot Shasta Trailer License 5728-LN, a black van VIN IFTHS34Y8FHC32418, a blue pull behind camper trailer, no license, and the remnants of the burned shack. Drug lab related chemicals and equipment were found in the black van and in the area of the burned shack. A strong chemical odor was present in the mobile home. Due to the chemical processes involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine, the chemicals and equipment removed from the scene, and chemical odors present in the mobile home on the property, contamination presented a potential immediate or long-term health hazard. The property at the above address was therefore designated unfit for use as of December 10, 2002. Surface swab sampling performed on the property by the Skagit County Health Department revealed that all structures on the property were contaminated with methamphetamine.

On December 23 certified drug lab clean up contractors Theresa Borst and Paul Moutray of Bio Clean LLC screened the property for remaining hazardous chemicals and obtained a sample of the septic tank liquid. The property is on public water so no well was sampled. All remaining chemicals were removed and properly disposed. From February 25 to March 7, 2003 TLT Construction removed all debris, crushed and removed the mobile home and the two travel trailers and disposed of all material as solid waste at the Skagit County Transfer Station. The black van was towed to a wrecking yard and crushed. On May 9, 2003 Polly Dubbel and Britt Pfaff from the Skagit County Health Department returned to the property. The property was vacant with the exception of the porch and stairs from the former mobile home. The septic drainfield soil was sampled close to the outlet from the tank. Soil was analyzed for total metals and volatile organics. No contamination was found that exceeded the Model Toxics Control Act standards. The septic tank was pumped on July 17, 2003.

The information upon which the property was originally declared unfit for use has been addressed by the above actions. The Skagit County Health Department has released this property for use. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at 336-9380.

Sincerely,



Polly Dubbel
Environmental Health Specialist

cc: Skagit County Auditor
Carolyn Comeau, Washington State Department of Health
Skagit County Planning and Permit Center
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