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Mr. Scott Tillman
President
Northwest Aluminum Company
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Dear Mr. Tillman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, is conducting a statutory review of the Lockheed Martin Corporation/Martin Marietta Aluminum Reduction Facility Superfund Site to assess the protectiveness of the Site. The Site is governed by a Consent Decree between the Lockheed Martin Corporation, the EPA and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. By definition the Site includes property owned by Northwest Aluminum Company. Under the CD, which incorporates the Record of Decision for final remedial action for the Site, restrictions on the use of property and groundwater are in place to protect human health and the environment. These restrictions are an important part of the remedy for the Site. The deletion of the Site was predicated in part on the existence of these Site restrictions. These restrictions are reviewed every five years along with other components of the Site remedy to determine whether human health and the environment continue to be adequately protected.

Groundwater throughout the Site, including the groundwater on property owned by NAC is contaminated. The remedy for the Site included connecting water users to city water, connections which were expanded in the early 1990s to include additional water users in proximity to the Site. Institutional controls for the Site include deed restrictions to restrict the installation of wells or use of groundwater in the upper aquifer on all Site property. The EPA has never modified the remedy for the Site to lessen these restrictions nor has EPA redefined the Site under the CD to diminish the extent of the Site. Property use is restricted to industrial use at this time because of the waste left in place at, on and under the Site.

The EPA brings these Site restrictions to your attention because of concerns regarding the manner in which real property owned by NAC is being presented to the public. Groundwater usage and drinking water usage at the Site is restricted. You are aware that the EPA objected to the cleanup levels allowed by ODEQ in its no further action decision for the voluntary cleanup conducted by NAC. The EPA is concerned that the current Site conditions following your voluntary cleanup may not adequately protect human health and the environment. The public to whom you are marketing property should be made aware of EPA's position regarding existing institutional controls on groundwater and drinking water usage.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have technical questions concerning the Site, please contact or Emy Laija at 509-376-4919 or laija.emerald@epa.gov. For legal questions, please have your attorney contact Mary Stroh Queitzsch, Assistant Regional Counsel at (206) 553-0145 or queitzsch.mary @epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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