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January 12, 2018

Marisa Floyd, Vice President
Reserve Silica Corporation
20 First Plaza NEW, Suite 308
Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Re: Department of Ecology Decision Regarding Definition of the Reserve Silica Corporation
Cleanup Site**

Dear Ms. Floyd:

In November 2017, Reserve Silica Corporation (Reserve Silica) submitted for the Department of Ecology's review the document, "Remedial Investigation Report, Reserve Silica Ravensdale Site" prepared by Aspect Consulting. Although no written request accompanied the submittal, from previous discussions, we understand Reserve Silica would like the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to review the document and make a determination that the Cleanup Site could be reduced by removing parcels not known to be affected by releases of hazardous substances.

Background

A Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) was conducted by Ecology and published in the February 2016 Special Issue of the Site Register. The SHA identified the Site as comprising four parcels: the three parcels making up the Reserve Silica property at that time and one adjacent parcel where a portion of the Reserve Silica facility's infiltration ponds are located. The SHA resulted in a Hazard Ranking of 1, the highest priority.

In 2017, Reserve Silica had its property "re-parceled" into seven parcels. From discussions with Reserve Silica, we understand the primary purpose of re-parceling was to separate the areas where cement kiln dust (CKD) was placed and the areas impacted by leachate from the CKD (together known as the "easement area") from areas of the property Reserve Silica believes are not affected by releases of hazardous substances.

Ecology's Determination

Ecology reviewed the RI report and considered Reserve Silica's request. We have determined that the characterization of the Site is not sufficient to make a determination as to the full areal extent of contamination from releases of hazardous substances at the site.



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As you know, we are in the process of developing an agreed order with Reserve Silica and Holcim (US) Inc. for investigation and cleanup of the Site, which has been defined as the Reserve Silica Corporation property and an adjacent parcel impacted by releases from the CKD disposal area. Once there is an RI report prepared pursuant to an agreed order that Ecology has accepted as adequate to characterize the nature and extent of contamination at the Site, Ecology will be in a better position to consider if any of the parcels that make up the property fall outside of the Site.

Please contact me at 425-649-7015 or madeline.wall@ecy.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madeline Wall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madeline Wall
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