## Re: Request for Access to Records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Environment. You requested:

Regarding four [specified] properties: Records for underground storage tank installation or removal at the properties; Environmental issues against the properties such as hazardous waste spills, releases, and clean-up activities, etc.; Records containing evidence indicating current and/or historical hazardous materials usage, storage or releases; Activity and Use Limitations on the subject properties; Information regarding any releases to the subsurface which may have impacted or threatened a body of water near the subject properties; Any information regarding Permits to Operate, Notices of Violation, or Notices to Comply records for the subject properties related to air emission equipment including air emission equipment for dry cleaning machines and/or USTs.

Some of the records you have requested are outside the scope of FOIPPA pursuant to section 3(1)(j), as they are available for purchase. These records are available to the public for a fee as described by the *Contaminated Sites Regulation*. You can access these records two ways:

- 1. A BC OnLine client can search the Site Registry for electronic records for specific sites through this link: <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/site">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/site</a> info/index.htm.
- 2. You can complete a Site Information Request Application: <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/forms/pdf/sir.pdf">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/forms/pdf/sir.pdf</a>.

For all future requests for records of this nature please search the Site Registry or complete the form.

Additionally, some of the records you have requested are not available for purchase and are enclosed. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

Your file is now closed.

A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at: <a href="http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\_00">http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\_00</a>.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Jamie Onciul-Omelus, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-2228. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to their number.

Pursuant to section 52 of FOIPPA, you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request. **You have 30 business days to file your written request for review.** Please provide OIPC with a copy of your original request, our response, and the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review to the address below.

## <u>Information and Privacy Commissioner</u>

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## Sincerely,

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