



***ATTACHMENT A***  
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This attachment provides information to help you manage your risks with respect to the use of this report.

### **DATA MANAGEMENT SERVICES ARE PERFORMED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, PERSONS AND PROJECTS**

This report has been prepared for use by the Washington State Department of Ecology. This report is not intended for use by others, and the information contained herein is not applicable to other sites.

GeoEngineers structures our services to meet the specific needs of our clients. For example, a data quality review conducted for a property owner may not fulfill the needs of a prospective purchaser of the same property. Because each business practice or technical project is unique, each report is unique, prepared solely for the specific client and project site. No one except Washington State Department of Ecology should rely on this data management report without first conferring with GeoEngineers. This report should not be applied for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.

### **THIS DATA MANAGEMENT REPORT IS BASED ON A UNIQUE SET OF PROJECT-SPECIFIC FACTORS**

This report has been prepared for Additional Montesano Data Management for the City of Montesano, Washington. GeoEngineers considered a number of unique, project-specific factors when establishing the scope of services for this project and report. Unless GeoEngineers specifically indicates otherwise, do not rely on this report if it was:

- not prepared for you,
- not prepared for your project,
- not prepared for the specific site explored, or
- completed before important project changes were made.

If important changes are made after the date of this report, GeoEngineers should be given the opportunity to review our interpretations and recommendations and provide written modifications or confirmation, as appropriate.

### **RELIANCE CONDITIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES**

If a lending agency or other parties intend to place legal reliance on the product of our services, we require that those parties indicate in writing their acknowledgement that the scope of services provided, and the general conditions under which the services were rendered including the limitation of professional liability, are understood and accepted by them. This is to provide our firm with reasonable protection against open-ended liability claims by third parties with whom there would otherwise be no contractual limits to their actions.

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<sup>1</sup> Developed based on material provided by ASFE, Professional Firms Practicing in the Geosciences; [www.asfe.org](http://www.asfe.org).

## **REGULATIONS ARE ALWAYS EVOLVING**

The products or applications we provide to clients may include references to regulatory numeric criteria, terms, practices, or conditions that may have led, or may lead, to a different set of outputs or conclusions not included in current local, state or federal regulatory definitions or do not otherwise present current potential liability. GeoEngineers cannot be responsible if the standards for appropriate inquiry, or regulatory definitions change or if more stringent standards are developed in the future.

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This report is based on conditions that existed at the time the study was performed. The findings and conclusions of this report may be affected by the passage of time including new data collection techniques, improved levels of quality, and greater availability of detailed information. Information technology is always changing, particularly in the realm of hardware, network systems, the Internet, and security management. Always contact GeoEngineers before applying this report to determine if it is still applicable.

## **MULTIPLE SOLUTIONS TO DATA MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS**

The number of solutions available to solve a technical problem increases with improvements in technology. The solution GeoEngineers provided may be different than that of other consultants, especially those with a non-engineering or earth science backgrounds. Our approach reflects the client's resources available at the time, the required schedule, the specific problem to solve, and the ability for the client to utilize the new or modified technology.

## **READ THESE PROVISIONS CLOSELY**

Some clients, design professionals and contractors may not recognize that management of some engineering and earth science data (geotechnical engineering, geology and environmental science) are far less exact than other engineering and natural science disciplines. This lack of understanding can create unrealistic expectations that could lead to disappointments, claims and disputes. GeoEngineers includes these explanatory "limitations" provisions in our reports to help reduce such risks. Please confer with GeoEngineers if you are unclear how these "Report Limitations and Guidelines for Use" apply to your project or site.