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To: Remedial Action Grant Work Group Members

From: Jim Pendowski, Manager, Toxics Cleanup Program

Re: Remedial Action Grants and Loans Rule Making – Work Group Meeting on December 5, 2013

In the 2013 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature made significant changes to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D RCW, through adoption of Senate Bill 5296 and House Bill 2079. To learn more about the changes and Ecology's plans to implement them, go to: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/legislation-2013.html>.

One of the most significant changes to MTCA is to the remedial action grant and loan program. The legislation establishes new funding priorities and directs Ecology to make several changes to the program to encourage and expedite the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield properties. Ecology is beginning to revise the Remedial Action Grant (RAG) and Loan rules, Chapter 173-322 WAC, and is seeking stakeholder input. Coincident with the rule-making effort, Ecology also will be revising the guidelines associated with the RAG program.

Purpose of the Meeting

Ecology is seeking advice and perspective from stakeholders and other interested members of the public to help determine how to implement the legislative changes and whether any other changes should be made to the existing rules and guidelines.

Format for the Meeting

We want to provide a structured dialogue for the Work Group meeting. Ecology has identified and summarized discussion topics (see attached). For each topic, Ecology staff will provide a brief introduction and description, followed by discussion with the Work Group. Public input will also be solicited during the meeting at the end of each discussion period.

The key discussion points will be summarized verbally at the meeting. We would like to hear from you if there are additional policy and implementation topics that need to be clarified or discussed. Time is provided at the end of the Ecology prepared list for additional topics.

Meeting Materials Briefing Materials Included with this Memorandum

Please find attached the following materials for the Work Group meeting:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Discussion Topics Summary
3. The Legislation, Senate Bill 5296
4. Codified version of MTCA, as amended by the Legislation
5. Chapter 173-322 WAC, Remedial Action Grants and Loans