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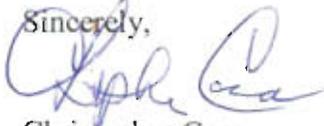
Paul Seidel  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
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Re: Harbor Oil, Proposed Remedial Action

Dear Mr. Seidel;

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the remedial investigation for the Harbor Oil Site in Portland Oregon (Site). The remedial investigation characterized the nature and extent of Site releases and the risks posed by those releases to receptors under current and future anticipated land use. Based on the results of the remedial investigation, EPA believes the appropriate response is no action. This conclusion is based on data collected at the Site and the assessment of reasonable current and future use of the Site. Although there are elevated risks (HQ of 8.5) to shrews posed by DDT at the Site, these risks are acceptable considering the small area impacted relative to the available habitat for shrews within the study area.

Because the RI did not identify unacceptable risks, a feasibility study was not prepared. Consequently, no alternatives are available to be compared to the nine CERCLA criteria. EPA is preparing a proposed plan to present EPA's recommendation of No Action as the appropriate remedy for public review and comment. Pursuant to Section 300.515(e) of the NCP, EPA requests the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to provide a statement of support for the preferred remedy, or an explanation of your agency's concerns with EPA's proposed plan. ODEQ has been a support agency throughout the Remedial Investigation. If ODEQ would like to discuss this proposal, we will be glad to provide an opportunity to discuss EPA's rationale and how this decision affects the Site. EPA requests a written response to this letter within 21 days of receipt. If you would like to discuss this letter, please contact me at (206) 553-1478.

Sincerely,  
  
Christopher Cora  
Remedial Project Manager