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To the King County Property Owner:

RE: Property located at

Public Health – Seattle & King County, the Environmental Health Division, has obtained a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to sample and analyze soils for the presence of arsenic, cadmium and lead on Vashon/Maury Islands and a portion of the mainland. This project is designed to provide test information that can be used to define the magnitude and extent of heavy metal soil contamination in King County. Most likely the contamination is from the former ASARCO Smelter in Tacoma so that testing will be conducted in areas downwind from the smelter. The results of this study will be made available to Ecology for evaluation under the Model Toxics Control Act Regulations.

In order to do the best job and give residents/property owners the most accurate information, we need access to over 200 properties. At each specified property identified in our sampling plan, Health Department staff will take about one cup of soil from at least one, or possibly up to three locations. The sampled site(s) will be approximately a six inch square to a depth of six inches. Sampling site(s) will be returned to its original condition.

We would like to ask if you would be willing to participate in the study by signing the attached consent form and returning it in the enclosed, stamped envelope at your earliest convenience. If you do not return the consent form, we will attempt to contact you by phone or at your home for permission. If you have any questions please contact Wally Swofford 206-296-4784 or Todd Yerkes at 206-296-4767.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated!

CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY AND TAKE SOIL SAMPLES

I am the **owner / tenant** (circle one) of the property identified below, and give my permission for representatives of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health to enter the property and take multiple soil samples for the purpose of analyzing the soil to determine whether it contains deposits of heavy metals.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

Address of Property: _____

Parcel Number: _____

King County, WA _____

(Zip Code)