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Mr. Darcy Espenhain
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Dear Mr. Espenhain:

Re: Performance Verification Plan for Certificate of Compliance 2597 Vance Road, Prince George, BC Project No. 16078

Keystone Environmental Ltd. (Keystone Environmental) has prepared this Performance Verification Plan (PVP) in support of an application for a risk-based Certificate of Compliance (CofC) for the property located at 2597 Vance Road, Prince George, BC (the "Site").

The PVP presents the principal risk management measures (i.e., the Schedule B key risk management controls) that apply and must remain in place at the Site to ensure that the Site CofC remains valid. The PVP was prepared in accordance with BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) guidance (BC ENV, 2021). The PVP was based on the findings of the Keystone Environmental (2021) report titled *Report of Findings – Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment*, 2597 Vance Road, Prince George, BC.

#### **DETERMINATION OF SITE TYPE**

A principal risk control which must be maintained at the Site includes the following:

Soil contamination must remain at depths greater than 1.0 metre below ground surface

This risk control was put in place to prevent exposure to soil contamination by human and terrestrial ecological receptors at the Site. The metes and bounds of the soil contamination is presented in **Figure 1**.

Based on this risk control measure for the Site, the Site is considered to be a Type 2 site. A Type 2 site is one that meets risk-based standards under current and future uses through use of institutional or engineered risk controls, apart from the risk controls included for Type 1 sites<sup>1</sup>.

#### REQUIRED ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIRED RISK CONTROL

The following actions are required to implement the risk control:

- Mandatory notification provided to the Site owner/operator and workers involved in site redevelopment that soil contamination must remain at depths greater than 1.0 metre below ground surface within the area of concern shown in the attached metes and bounds Figure 1.
- Mandatory notification provided to the Site owner/operator and workers involved in site
  redevelopment that if the soil contamination identified in Figure 1 is to be removed through
  excavation, a qualified environmental professional should be retained to characterize the
  material and advise on proper soil management and disposal.
- Mandatory notification provided to the Site owner/operator to keep and maintain records of risk control maintenance as these records may be submitted to BC ENV upon request in the future.
- Mandatary notification provided to the Site owner/operator that the Director must be notified
  if performance verification actions indicate that there is a failure of the risk control.

Records of risk control maintenance by the Site owner/operator should include the following:

- Scheduled construction activities that have occurred within the metes and bounds.
- Description and schedule of inspection and maintenance works conducted within the metes and bounds.
- Detailed specifications on any engineering work to be implemented within the metes and bounds.
- Quantity and quality of soil or waste managed or disposed of as part of the engineered works.
- Any identified failures in risk control performance along with the measures taken to restore the risk control.

Suitable forms of record documentation include inspection records, site photo documentation, engineering details, communication documents, and related information. This documentation should be recorded at least annually until site redevelopment is complete.

<sup>1</sup> Type 1 sites include those that have an institutional control for limiting the presence of future drinking water wells where the site is serviced by a treated municipal water supply and/or have an engineered control of a maintained and a paved cap covering soil contamination in a municipal roadway or sidewalk.



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If periodic maintenance of sub-surface works at depths greater than 8 m below grade would not occur within the metes and bounds area or those soils have been removed through excavation, then photos of the final development at the metes and bounds area and records indicating documentation that future maintenance of sub-surface works would not be required at that depth would be sufficient for performance verification.

If periodic maintenance of subsurface works (pipes, utilities etc) at depths greater than 8 m below grade within the metes and bounds area and the soil contamination remains within the metes and bounds area, then inspection/maintenance records will be needed until maintenance is not required.

### **SUMMARY RATIONALE**

Soil contamination exceeding the CSR Schedule 3.1 commercial land use (CL) soil standards relevant to human and terrestrial ecological health are present in soils from depths ranging from 8.0 to 16.0 mbgs. The risk assessment assumed that the identified soil contamination would remain beneath a soil cap with a minimum thickness of 1.0 m to prevent potential unacceptable risks to humans and/or on-site terrestrial ecological receptors.

As the identified contaminated soils are located at considerable depth, the soil contamination does not pose unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. Therefore, an immediate risk of exposure to the soil contamination by humans, terrestrial ecological receptors, and the offsite aquatic receiving environment would not occur as long as the risk control does not become compromised. Furthermore, retaining a qualified environmental professional to advise on the proper soil management during excavation would mitigate future unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. Consequently, a contingency action plan is not proposed in this PVP.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is our opinion that the actions identified in this report are sufficient to ensure performance verification of the risk controls required for this Site.

## **GENERAL LIMITATIONS**

The findings presented in this report are based upon the field work conducted by Keystone Environmental for Northern Electric Ltd. Keystone Environmental has prepared this document in good faith and has relied upon information provided by others. Keystone Environmental has assumed that the information provided by third parties is both complete and accurate. This report was completed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill normally exercised by other environmental professionals, practicing under similar circumstances in the same locale at the time of the performance of the work.

This report has been prepared solely for the internal use of Northern Electric Ltd. and for review by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy pursuant to the agreement between Keystone Environmental Ltd. and Northern Electric Ltd. A copy of the general terms and conditions associated with this agreement is attached to the end of this report. By using this report,



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Sincerely,

**Keystone Environmental Ltd.** 

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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- References
- Metes and Bounds Figure



## **REFERENCES**



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- BC ENV. (2021). BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. *Performance Verification Plans*. Retrieved April 12, 2021, from https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/site-remediation/guidance-resources/performance-verification-plans
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# **METES AND BOUNDS FIGURE**



