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Dec. 4, 2017

Ms. Anne Theriault  
Manager of Environmental Site Remediation  
Union Pacific Railroad  
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**Re: Request for Updated Project Schedule  
Ashland Railroad Yard, Ashland  
DEQ File #1146**

Dear Ms. Theriault:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality requests an updated project schedule from Union Pacific for cleanup of the Ashland railroad yard, now that it appears no site work will likely begin before next year. Please advise DEQ of Union Pacific's intentions by Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.

On February 23, 2017, DEQ approved Union Pacific's plan, which included construction of a temporary rail spur, stockpiling of clean backfill, and initiating excavation of contaminated soil and debris from the railroad yard by the end of 2017.

DEQ staff understand from several phone conversations that there have been delays in the project schedule, but we have not received any formal notification of project status and schedule.

Any significant changes to Union Pacific's project scope or schedule require DEQ's advance approval, and will be subject to public notice by DEQ.

Sincerely,

Greg Aitken  
Project Manager

Encl: February 23, 2017 DEQ Staff Memorandum

cc: John Van Gelder and Aaron Hunt, Union Pacific  
Mike Niemet & Mark Ochsner, CH2M Hill  
Ann Seltzer, City of Ashland