



Meeting Notes

**Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team
Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project
Agency Meeting
April 26, 2011**

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Location	1440 - 10th Street, Suite 102, Bellingham, Whatcom County, WA
Purpose	Ecology, Northwest Clean Air Agency, and County officials discuss air and SEPA issues

Introduction

This meeting included Tyler Schroeder, SEPA Lead, Planning & Development, and Roland Middleton, Project Manager, Public Works Department, Whatcom County; Dan Mahar, Environmental Engineer, Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA); Alice Kelly, Senior Planner, and Justin Brant, Environmental Planner, Climate Policy, Department of Ecology (Ecology); and Jane Dewell, Regional Lead, Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA). The meeting was requested by the County to discuss State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and green house gas (GHG) issues relative to the Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) project.

Key Points

The County is considering requesting Ecology as a co-lead for the SEPA process. They want to ensure formal involvement of Ecology throughout the process to avoid conflict at the end. They also want to ensure that all appropriate project impacts are identified and evaluated during the SEPA review. Commodities in addition to coal will need to be evaluated.

Transportation is a key review area for GHG impacts, which includes rail and shipping into and out of the project site. Setting the boundaries for evaluation is a challenge. SEPA requires disclosure of proximate impacts, which may include impacts outside of the state border and the 3-mile ocean limit. Determining emissions for mitigation purposes could be more limited in geographic scope than those disclosed. The state emissions inventory could be used as a baseline and for comparison of emissions within the state borders.

The NWCAA regulates direct project emissions from stationary sources. They will have jurisdiction to require mitigation for these types of emissions.

The County will want MAP Team agencies to be involved in developing the SEPA document and in pre-draft document review.



Action Items

During the meeting, no action items were identified. The agencies will continue to coordinate SEPA review through the GPT MAP Team.