Meeting Notes

Multi-agency Permit (MAP) Team
Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) Project
Whatcom County Meeting
March 30, 2011

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Location	322 N. Commercial Street, Bellingham, Whatcom County, WA
Purpose	Ecology and County officials discuss SEPA issues

Meeting – Whatcom County

This meeting included Tyler Schroeder, SEPA Lead, Planning & Development, and Roland Middleton, Project Manager, Public Works Department, Whatcom County. Representatives of State agencies included Alice Kelly, Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Jane Dewell, Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA). The meeting was requested by the County to discuss State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) issues relative to the Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) project.

Key Points

We discussed Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions related to green house gases (GHG). Ecology's minimum range for indirect transportation impacts (Scope 3) would be within Washington State. The specific range for the GPT project will need to be developed as the project progresses. Covering Scope 3 emissions is appropriate for a SEPA environmental impact statement (EIS).

Limitations of the study area and limitations of mitigations for impacts are two key areas that need to be defined for this project. Ecology has guidance materials on their website:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/sepa.htm

This guidance will be used by Ecology staff to define issues and impacts relative to the project and GHG. Ecology will be providing comments on the Project Information Document relative to GHG, and these will be posted with other comments (by April 7 to the website).

We discussed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), SEPA, and the Corps selection of consultant. The GHG component will be important in team selection. The County and Ecology will need to discuss the air quality and GHG issues with Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA).

The County has not received an application from the project proponent. A 2-page summary with fee would suffice.

Action Items

During the meeting, the following action items were identified:

- **County and Ecology** – set up a meeting with NWCAA.
- **Project proponent** needs to submit brief application and fee to start the County process.