



Meeting Notes

Gateway Pacific Terminal, Multi-Agency Permit (MAP) Team Various Meetings

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Location	Mt Vernon and Bellingham, Whatcom County, WA (various offices)
Purpose	To meet MAP Team members to discuss Gateway Pacific Terminal project and upcoming March 17 meeting

Meeting 1 – NWCAA, Mt Vernon, WA

Jane Dewell, Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA), met with Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCAA) representatives Mark Buford and Dan Mahar to discuss the Gateway Pacific Terminal (GPT) project.

NWCAA will perform new source review (NSR) of the project to determine the level of air quality permits that will be required. During the NSR process emission levels of criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gasses (GHG) are evaluated. A Notice of Construction application is the vehicle for submitting a request for a minor air quality permit from the NWCAA. If air emissions exceed minor thresholds, a major air quality permit, known as a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit, would also be required by WA State Department of Ecology. PSD regulations requiring GHG permitting of major sources became effective in January 2011. Also, Ecology recently issued State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) guidance for addressing GHG emissions.

Meeting 2 – Public Works Department, Whatcom County, Bellingham, WA

Jane Dewell, ORA, met with Roland Middleton and Tyler Schroeder of Whatcom County to discuss the GPT project and upcoming MAP team meeting. A meeting on GHG issues was postponed.

The County and US Army Corps of Engineers are progressing on a coordinated SEPA/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The request for proposal (RFP) for consultant is in draft form and the County will review. The County assumes that the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) was submitted to the Corps on February 28, the date it was posted to the MAP team website. The County is still waiting on a pre-application from the project proponent. During a phone call to SSA Marine (Ari Steinberg), the County and SSA discussed next steps, and County suggested that the permit applications be submitted rather than a pre-application since the JARPA was already submitted.

We discussed timeframes in the draft regulatory process diagram. The County hopes that the scoping phase could be completed by August 2011 since 6-months for a draft environmental impact statement (EIS), with the type of studies that would be needed for this project, would be



very tight. More time for the draft EIS may be needed, but that schedule will be worked out by the consultant that is still to be hired.

The County also wondered how much assistance other agencies will provide in the scoping and other stages of the project. It was suggested that this was a good topic to bring up during the March 17 MAP team meeting.

The County will be keeping the official record (hard copies) of EIS documents.