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Tyler R. Schroeder  
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Planning and Development Services  
Whatcom County  
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RE: Gateway Pacific Terminal SEPA Process

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Thank you for your letter in which you request that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) serve as a co-lead agency during the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review of the proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal.

Ecology and Whatcom County (County) have been in discussions regarding Ecology serving as co-lead in recent months. I agree that there are statewide and regional issues that should be disclosed and addressed during the scoping and development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Therefore, Ecology is willing to be a co-lead agency for the project. As we have discussed with your staff, Whatcom County will be the nominal lead and will handle the procedural aspects of SEPA compliance. The SEPA analysis itself will be conducted in accordance with state and county SEPA regulations.

I look forward to working with the County on this project, and feel that the County's expertise with SEPA, knowledge of local issues, and experience with this project will help ensure that the project is thoroughly and adequately reviewed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeannie Summerhays, Regional Director at the Northwest Regional Office, at 425-649-7010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Sturdevant", is written over a horizontal line.

Ted Sturdevant  
Director

cc: Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive  
Dan Pike, Mayor of Bellingham  
Randel Perry, US Army Corps of Engineers  
J.E. "Sam" Ryan, Whatcom County PDS Director  
Cliff Strong, AMEC  
Jeannie Summerhays, Department of Ecology