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November 22, 2019

Dr. E. Elaine Placido
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Re: Notice of Determination for a Second Supplemental EIS
Cowlitz County Permit SL 16-0975
Port of Kalama and Northwest Innovation Works – Applicants
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit #1056

Dear Dr. Placido:

The Department of Ecology has determined that a Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Second SEIS) is required to adequately identify and analyze the greenhouse gas emissions and impacts for the shoreline conditional use permit to construct and operate a marine facility to manufacture and export methanol (the Project) at the Port of Kalama. The Second SEIS will supplement the information included in the August 30, 2019, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (2019 Supplemental EIS), prepared by Cowlitz County and the Port.

A Second SEIS is necessary because Ecology's written comments on the 2018 Draft SEIS for the Project were not adequately addressed in the 2019 Supplemental EIS, nor were they adequately addressed in the County's November 4, 2019, letter to Ecology. As the Shorelines Hearings Board noted in its September 15, 2017, Order on Motions for Partial Summary Judgment (SHB No. 17-010c), a sufficient analysis of the Project's greenhouse gas emissions and potential impacts is necessary for Ecology to determine the adequacy of the proposed mitigation for the Project. We also need this information to determine whether the conditional use permit should be approved, modified, conditioned, or denied under the Shoreline Management Act, as required by Cowlitz County Superior Court's July 12, 2018, Order.

For these reasons, Ecology will prepare a Second SEIS. *See* WAC 197-11-600(3). We will scope the Second SEIS to supplement Chapter 3, Appendix A, and Appendix C of the 2019 Supplemental EIS. We will proceed with preparation of the Second SEIS as provided in the attached State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Notice, which we have posted on our website and in the SEPA Register.

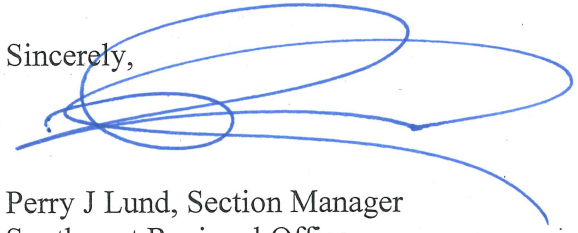


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Ecology will make a final permit decision on the conditional use permit submittal for the Project once the Second SEIS is completed. *See* WAC 173-27-130(5).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the Second SEIS process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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