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Karen F. Goschen
Director of Projects
Port of Port Angeles
338 W First Street
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Re: Western Port Angeles Harbor and Terminals 5, 6 and 7 Uplands

- **Site Name:** Western Port Angeles Harbor
- **Site Address:** Western Port Angeles Harbor, Port Angeles, Clallam County, WA 98363
- **Facility Site No.:** 18898
- **Cleanup ID No.:** 11907

- **Site Name:** Terminals 5, 6, and 7 Uplands
- **Site Address:** Marine Drive, Port Angeles, Clallam County, WA 98363
- **Facility Site No.:** 97700
- **Cleanup ID No.:** 15440

Dear Karen Goschen:

Thank you for the Port of Port Angeles' efforts, along with other Western Port Angeles Harbor potentially liable persons (PLPs), to complete the Western Port Angeles Harbor Sediment Cleanup Unit Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) under Agreed Order DE 9781. Site PLPs include Port of Port Angeles (Port); City of Port Angeles; Georgia-Pacific LLC; Merrill & Ring; Nippon Paper Industries USA Co., LTD; Owens Corning; and Washington Department of Natural Resources. Agreed Order DE 9781 states that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans to address upland sources identified under the remedial investigation "under separate actions, agreements, permits or orders."

Ecology is now ready to continue remedial work by characterizing uplands identified as potential sources to the Western Port Angeles Harbor site in the RI/FS. This work is necessary to address recontamination risk in the harbor. The RI/FS identified portions of the harbor shoreline that may be sources of ongoing contamination to the harbor. Ecology plans to work separately on upland cleanups with one or more of the PLPs that have potential responsibility based on current and past ownership and operations.

Ecology is prepared to begin negotiations and enter into an agreed order with the Port for remedial actions to investigate and address potential sources to the harbor on the following parcels owned by the Port - 063000190090, 063099190025, 063099190035, and 063000505520. Because of their locations near the Port's Terminals 5, 6, and 7, these parcels will be collectively referred to as the Terminals 5, 6, and 7 Uplands site. Other upland cleanup sites identified as potential sources to the harbor will be also be addressed separately.

The paving of a large portion of the Terminals 5, 6, and 7 Uplands site is required under a water quality permit and is also considered an interim action under the Model Toxics Control Act WAC 173-340-430(1). Prompt interim actions, such as paving, are needed to protect human and ecological receptors from direct contact with hazardous substances in soil and groundwater. Additional interim actions, such soil sampling and groundwater monitoring well installation, will cost substantially more if the remedial actions are delayed.

Ecology looks forward to continuing our efforts to address cleanup at the Western Port Angeles Harbor and Terminals 5, 6, and 7 Uplands sites with the Port of Port Angeles.

Sincerely,



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