



May 16, 2024

Ryan Hardwick
Site Manager and Bay-Wide Coordinator, Port Gardner Bay
Toxics Cleanup Program
Washington State Department of Ecology

Dear Ryan,

I am writing to inform you that we need to temporarily pause the RI/FS activities at the TC Systems site. As you are aware, we are currently allocating all available human resources to a larger project at the Mill-A site, valued at more than \$200M.

Despite this pause at the TC Systems site, we recently submitted a groundwater report to Ecology that was prepared by our current environmental consultant, Stantec. As you are aware, Ecology's expansion of the site boundary is requiring that the Port conduct a competitive selection process to hire an environmental consultant for this project. We plan to conduct that effort within the next 12 months.

Additionally, because of the heavy grant requirements of Mill-A, we chose not to apply for MTCA grant funding for the TC Systems site for the 2025-2027 biennium. However, the Port plans to seek critical MTCA grant funds in the future biennia to support this project.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we focus our efforts on the Mill-A site.

Sincerely,

Erik Gerking
Chief of Planning and Development
Port of Everett