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Ms. Kristi Evans  
Tacoma Metro Parks  
4702 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98405-1175

RE: Request for Acceptance of New Project at Site ID 74734464, Dickman Mill Park

Dear Ms. Evans:

Thank you for forwarding me the letter you sent to Panjini Balaraju on July 13, 2017. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner but I had to get up to speed on past work at Dickman Mill. On January 21, 2003, Joyce Mercuri sent you a letter indicating Ecology had concerns about sediment contamination in Cell A. She also included data tables with results from three sediment samples collected in Cell A. All samples contained hazardous substance that exceeded the Washington State Sediment Management Standards. These include mercury, low molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, high molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. The concentrations of these contaminants are high and pose a risk to human health and the biological community.

These stations were sampled on December 4, 2002 and are now 15 years old and conditions may have changed. Ecology believes the sediments in Cell A should be resampled prior to proceeding with the Dickman Mill Head Saw project. If additional testing confirms the sediments are contaminated, Ecology would caution Metro Parks against installing pilings and building structures without first cleaning up contaminated sediments. New structures would prevent access for future cleanup. Also, permitting agencies may require investigation and cleanup of contaminated sediments as a condition of permitting. Should Metro Parks decide to conduct a cleanup, it is important to work through Ecology.

I have included a table of data with the results of the 2002 samples and a definition of terms.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at (360) 407-6267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Striplin".

Peter Striplin  
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