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Mr. Josh Baldi, Regional Director, NW Regional Office
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Dear Mr. Baldi,

This letter is a formal request for the Washington State Department of Ecology to become co-lead agency with Skagit County for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation associated with the Shell Crude by Rail Unloading Facility. As outlined in WAC 197-11-944, two or more agencies may by agreement share or divide the responsibilities of lead agency through any arrangement agreed upon. If your agency agrees to this request, we would like to prepare a written agreement outlining the responsibilities of our agencies for the environmental review process.

We recognize the experience that Ecology would bring to the process, which will assist Skagit County in undertaking a thorough environmental analysis of potential regional and statewide impacts. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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