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May 18, 2015

Ms. Maia Bellon, Director
Washington State Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Dear Ms. Bellon,

Skagit County's SEPA Responsible Official, under separate cover, will formally request the Washington State Department of Ecology become a co-lead agency for the Environmental Impact Statement preparation associated with the Shell Crude by Rail Unloading Facility. We support this request and hope that our agencies will have the opportunity to work collaboratively on this project, to address issues from both the local and state perspective.

We recognize the experience that Ecology would bring to the process, which would assist Skagit County in undertaking a thorough environmental analysis that includes an assessment of potential statewide or regional impacts.

Thank you and your staff for your consideration and we hope that you will agree to a co-lead partnership on this project.

Sincerely,

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