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June 8, 2015

The Honorable Kenneth A. Dahlstedt  
Skagit County Commissioner  
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The Honorable Lisa Janicki  
Skagit County Commissioner  
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Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Honorable Ron Wesen  
Skagit County Commissioner  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**Re: Co-lead request for Shell Crude by Rail Unloading Facility**

Dear Chairman Dalstedt, Commissioner Janicki, and Commissioner Wesen:

Thank you for your May 18, 2015, letter requesting the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) serve as co-lead agency for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the Shell Crude by Rail Unloading Facility. I am pleased to let you know that Ecology is willing to co-lead environmental review for the project.

We believe Skagit County's knowledge and expertise will help ensure that the project is thoroughly and adequately reviewed from the local perspective. Ecology agrees that there are potential regional and statewide impacts that should be assessed during the scoping and development of the EIS process. I feel Ecology can bring our knowledge and expertise to those elements of the environmental review.

I understand there have been thoughtful discussions between our respective staff to understand how our organizations can best work together through a co-lead arrangement. Ecology's Northwest Regional Director, Josh Baldi, will continue to serve as our executive management lead on these efforts, and can be reached at (425) 649-7010 or [Josh.baldi@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Josh.baldi@ecy.wa.gov), should you have any questions about Ecology's role in this effort.



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We look forward to working with Skagit County on this complex and important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maia D. Bellon". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maia D. Bellon  
Director

cc: Dale Pernula, AICP, Director, Skagit Planning and Development Services  
Josh Baldi, Regional Director, Ecology