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Dale Pernula, AICP, Director
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RE: Co-lead request for Shell Crude by Rail Unloading Facility

Dear Mr. Pernula:

Thank you for your May 18, 2015, letter in which you request that the Department of Ecology serve as co-lead agency for development of the Environmental Impact Statement associated with the Shell Crude by Rail Unloading Facility in Anacortes. Ecology agrees that there are potential regional and statewide impacts that should be assessed during the scoping and development of the EIS process.

As you know, our organizations have been in discussions over the past month regarding Ecology potentially serving as co-lead for the project with Skagit County. We truly appreciate the deliberate and thoughtful discussions between our organizations to better understand how we would work together through a co-lead agreement.

Ecology is willing to be a co-lead agency for environmental review of the Shell project. As we have discussed with your staff, Skagit County will be the nominal lead and will handle the procedural aspects of State Environmental Policy Act compliance. We look forward to preparing a written agreement that more fully describes our roles and responsibilities for the SEPA process.

We believe the County's knowledge of local issues will help ensure that the project is thoroughly and adequately reviewed. Ecology looks forward to working with Skagit County on this effort.

Sincerely,

Josh Baldi
Regional Director
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