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Michelle Walker, Chief  
Department of the Army  
Corps of Engineers  
Seattle District, Regulatory Branch  
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Dear Ms. Walker:

RE: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Reference #200001094**  
Northwest Aggregates

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.60, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Northwest Aggregates are writing to advise you of the status of Ecology's review of the Maury Island Dock Replacement and Extension project Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program.

On May 3, 2005, Northwest Aggregates submitted a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) to Ecology requesting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC). Public notice for a proposed Section 10 and CZM consistency determination from Ecology was distributed by the Corps on the application on December 13, 2004. A subsequent public notice for public hearing and erratum, which included a public notice for proposed water quality certification, was distributed by the Corps on April 15, 2005. Ecology received the CZM statement from the Corps on June 28, 2005. The statutory six-month review period commenced to run and will expire December 20, 2005. At this time, Ecology has notified Northwest Aggregates that the WQC for the project will not be completed by that date. Therefore Northwest Aggregates and Ecology have mutually agreed to extend the time for Ecology's review of CZM to March 15, 2006.

Ecology and Northwest Aggregates have agreed to extend the review period until Ecology issues the WQC decision. The additional time is necessary to allow Ecology to complete the WQC review process. After completion of the review process, Ecology will issue both the WQC decision and the CZM determination.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Rebekah Padgett of the Department of Ecology at (425) 649-7129 or Pete Stoltz, Northwest Aggregates, at (206) 768-7636.

Sincerely,

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