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REGISTERED MAIL

August 5, 2005

Mr. Michael Shaw
Port of Tacoma
PO Box 1837
Tacoma WA 98401

RE: Water Quality Certification - Order #2473 First Amendment
Corps Public Notice 200400818 Widening and deepening of the Blair Waterway, dredging of the
Blair Waterway Bridge Reach, and Southwest Corner cut, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

On June 28, 2005, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a water quality certification to the Port of Tacoma for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401). You contacted Ecology with the following request for amendment regarding this water quality certification:

1. An increase of the mixing zone area from 150 feet radially to 300 feet radially.
2. Deletion of the dissolved oxygen monitoring requirement.

These changes would make the requirements in this certificate in line with previously issued water quality certificates issued to the Port.

After reviewing the Ports request for these changes and other pertinent information, Ecology is amending Order No. 2473 to reflect these changes.

These amendments may be appealed by following the procedures described in this amendment. If you have any questions regarding the content of the amendment, please contact me at (360) 407-6976.

Sincerely,

Brenden McFarland, Section Supervisor
Environmental Review and Transportation Section Manager
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

cc: Jessica Winkler – Corps
Dave Molenaar – WDFW
Penny Keys – Ecology
Lori Ochoa – Ecology



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In the Matter of Granting a)	ORDER No. 2473
Water Quality Certification)	(Corps Project #200400818)
To: The Port of Tacoma)	Widening and deepening the Blair Waterway,
In Accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341)	cutting back the southwest corner, and a
[FWPCA § 401], RCW 90.48.120,)	cutback along the Blair Bridge Reach, Tacoma,
RCW 90.48.260, and WAC 173-201A)	Pierce County, Washington

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Order No. 2473 dated June 28, 2005, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Condition 1.c)ii) that reads:

Mixing Zone: 150 feet radially and 600 feet downcurrent from the point of dredging.

Is replaced with:

Mixing Zone: 300 feet radially from the point of dredging.

2. Condition 1.b)ii) that reads:

Dissolved Oxygen. Class B within the specified dilution zones, provided that total dissolved oxygen levels do not cause water quality standards for dissolved oxygen to drop below 6.0 mg/L.

Is deleted.

No other conditions or requirements of the above-mentioned order are affected by this amendment.

You have the right to appeal this document to this Pollution Control Hearings Board. Pursuant to chapter 43.21B RCW, your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, and served on the Department of Ecology, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this document.

To appeal this amendment, your notice of appeal must contain a copy of the Ecology original order and amendment that you are appealing.

Your appeal must be filed with:

The Pollution Control Hearings Board
4224 – 6th Ave SE
Rowe 6 Building 2
PO Box 40903
Lacey WA 98503-0903

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Your appeal must be served on:

The Department of Ecology
Appeals Coordinator
PO Box 47600
Olympia WA 98504-7600

In addition, please send a copy of your appeal to:

Loree' Randall
Department of Ecology
PO Box 47600
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For additional information:

The Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>

Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this order. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Ch. 43.21B RCW.

Dated this 5th day of Aug, 2005 at Lacey, Washington.


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