



## FOSS WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Adrienne Dorrah  
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Re: Remedial Action Grants

Dear Ms. Dorrah,

Thank you for including the Foss Waterway Development Authority in the Remedial Action Grant Work Group. Dept. of Ecology has been a significant and essential partner in the redevelopment of the Foss Waterway in Tacoma for many years. We could not have achieved the level of success the community now enjoys without the assistance and support of DOE and the remedial action grant programs.

As a stakeholder we recognize the changes to MTCA and the grant programs can significantly impact our plans for redevelopment and putting brownfield properties back on the tax role. It appears that a ROZ could work well, especially in targeted redevelopment areas or small communities. For some government entities this could be seen as an additional layer of administration. However, it could work well for community redevelopment projects, or in sub-area plans within a city's comprehensive plan. While a ROZ may provide for prioritized funding it is unclear how programed funding would be allocated between ROZ and non-ROZ applicants.

The grants that would be the best fit to the purpose of this PDA are likely the IPG and the RAG. Some primary questions come to mind.

- IPG & RAG - Can the grant application process be accelerated to speed redevelopment efforts?
- RAG – What will be required for the 3 years of monitoring to attain cleanup standards (agreements)? If a model remedy is used and the cleanup standards are not maintained/effective what happens (especially when construction has already occurred)? If a public/private partnership for redevelopment how will responsibility be assigned? How will this work when an existing Consent Decree is in place?
- How will the financial intuitions respond to these changes? Will it have a positive or negative impact on lending for projects?

We are looking forward to working through these questions and taking advantage of the ROZ under the new legislation.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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