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RE: Notice of Availability - Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a MTCA cleanup action at the BNSF Former Maintenance and Fueling Facility, Skykomish, WA.

In September, 2003, after public review and comment, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for a MTCA cleanup action at the BNSF Former Maintenance and Fueling Facility located in Skykomish, Washington. The Draft EIS analyzed environmental impacts associated with cleanup alternatives evaluated in the 2003 Draft Feasibility Study. The Draft Feasibility Study was accepted as final in 2005.

Since completion of the 2003 Draft EIS, subsequent events and new information have resulted in the need to update previous environmental analyses. This Draft Supplemental EIS (Draft SEIS) supplements the 2003 Draft EIS. A supplemental EIS is prepared if changes or new information relevant to the environmental concerns of a project become known. The 2003 Draft EIS is being supplemented to analyze two additional remedial methods not previously analyzed in the 2003 Draft EIS; these methods comprise groundwater containment and treatment on the railyard and in-situ thermal treatment or similar treatment beneath the school. Other changes relevant to the environmental concerns of the project include the 2006 Interim Cleanup Action for the Levee Zone. A separate EIS was completed in 2006 specifically for the Interim Cleanup Action for the Levee Zone.

This Draft SEIS along with other, earlier documents that include the Feasibility Study, the EIS prepared for the Levee Zone cleanup action and public comment received earlier, will inform and assist Ecology with making decisions regarding the cleanup of the site. The remaining cleanup is described and available for public review in the Draft Consent Decree and Draft Cleanup Action Plan. Following public review and comment on this Draft SEIS and the Draft Consent Decree and Draft Cleanup Action Plan, a Final EIS will be issued with a Final Cleanup Action Plan. The cleanup will then move forward into permitting, construction and long-term monitoring.

We appreciate your review and careful consideration of the Draft SEIS and other project documents during this comment period. Public meetings and directions for submitting comments about the SEIS are provided in the Fact Sheet included in the Draft SEIS. For further information on this, please contact Louise Bardy of Ecology at 425-649-7209, at the address above, or email lbar461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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