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November 18, 2015

Mr. Ian Munce
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City of Tacoma
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RE: Transfer of Lead Agency Status for the Northwest Innovations Work, Tacoma, LLC
Methanol Manufacturing Facility at the Port of Tacoma from the Department of Ecology
to the City of Tacoma

Dear Mr. Munce:

With this letter, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) transfers the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) lead agency status for the proposed Northwest Innovations Work, Tacoma (NWIWT) methanol manufacturing facility to the City of Tacoma. As the new lead agency, the City of Tacoma is now responsible to complete the environmental review under SEPA, RCW 43.21C.

On October 12, 2015, Ecology sent emails to potential agencies with jurisdiction requesting concurrence for the transfer status for this proposal consistent with the SEPA Rules found in WAC 197-11-942. Those agencies included the Port of Tacoma, Pierce County, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Department of Transportation and Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission. In response, all of the agencies with potential jurisdiction agreed to the transfer request.

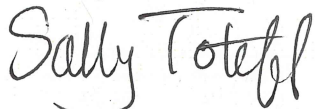
Points of contacts for the agencies above are copied on this letter. In addition, WSDOT requested the City of Tacoma include Megan White, ESO Director, (megan.white@wsdot.wa.gov) and Dale Severson, Olympic Region Transportation Services Engineer, (OR-SEPA-REVIEW@wsdot.wa.gov) on the project SEPA distribution list when the environmental documents are ready for distribution.

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I appreciate the City of Tacoma's willingness to commit to an effective and efficient environmental review process. Ecology looks forward to providing environmental expertise to you through our normal permit reviews associated with this proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 407-6307 or by email at sally.toteff@ecy.wa.gov if you have further questions or require further information.

Best Regards,



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Southwest and Olympic Regional Director

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