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RE: Response to Draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study – Port of
Maintenance Facility Area Site (Facility Site ID#1080)

Cowlitz County is dependent upon the continued health and success of the three public ports that operate within our borders. The Port of Longview plays an extremely important role in our community and the Port's ability to continue to grow and develop has a direct impact on the County's overall economic health. Recently, Cowlitz County's efforts at responsible, sustainable growth have been hampered by policy decisions made far outside of our control. We are asking that the Department of Ecology select the remedial action alternative presented by the Port of Longview, respecting their local decision making.

We believe that the alternative proposed by the Port of Longview is:

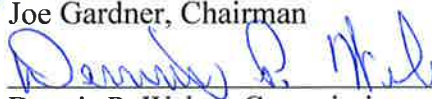
- Beneficial to the public by facility redevelopment of this vital piece of public property and reduce the long term costs to the Port;
- Protective of human health and the environment; and
- The preferred alternative for remediation of the MFA Site that the Department of Ecology should select.

The Port of Longview has offered to pay additional expenses related to the off-site disposal of contaminated waste, without raising International Paper's costs for site remediation. We urge you to work with the Port to move forward with this important project, selecting the Port of Longview's remedial action alternative.


Sincerely,
**Board of County Commissioners
of Cowlitz County, Washington**



Joe Gardner, Chairman



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