



September 26, 2017

Kaia Peterson  
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Dear Ms Peterson:

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC) regarding the remediation alternatives for the Port of Longview (the Port) Maintenance Facility Area Site (Facility Site ID #1080).

It has come to our attention there is a conflict between recommended clean up solutions between IP, the Port and the Department of Ecology. The Port's recommendation to consider off-site disposal appears to have the best interest of all parties involved taken into account. The Port has pledged that off-site disposal will not increase costs to IP with funding coming from insurance proceeds. Off site disposal will also benefit the public by facilitating the redevelopment of the site and will reduce long-term costs to the Port.

In addition, the Port's alternative will be protective of human health and the environment which is the goal of the clean up. The IP alternative would increase the volume of contaminated media left on Port property, would negatively impact the Port's current operations by creating a mound that could affect the movement of heavy equipment on the site, would delay the redevelopment of the site, would require the Port to incur increased costs in the future to handle and dispose of the contaminated media left behind and increases the impact of deed restriction on the Port's future operations.

After the public comment and review period, please choose the Port's alternative as the preferred alternative for remediation of the Maintenance Facility Area Site.

Sincerely,

Ted Sprague, President  
Cowlitz EDC