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Department of Ecology-

Please see the attached letter of support for the project. The Port, SkyNRG and the state of Washington have working in partnership to move this project forward to completion.

Thanks. Pat

Patrick H. Reay Executive Director Port of Walla Walla



Submitted via the Department of Ecology form at https://oth.ecology.commentinput.com?id=eYh9dGHSE

June 4, 2025

Washington State Department of Ecology Attn: SEPA Review Team P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Subject: Support for Project Wigeon

To Whom It May Concern,

The Port of Walla Walla respectfully submits this public comment in support of SkyNRG Americas' proposed Project Wigeon sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) facility, currently under review through the SEPA process.

This project reflects a powerful intersection of local initiative and statewide climate ambition. As the public development authority that partnered with SkyNRG Americas to help bring this facility to Wallula Gap Business Park, we've seen firsthand the potential for Project Wigeon to deliver long-lasting economic opportunity while helping Washington meet its clean energy and emissions reduction goals.

In February, Governor Ferguson and the Department of Commerce recognized this potential, awarding the Port of Walla \$1.5 million from the Strategic Reserve Fund to support early-stage development of the facility. That support reflects the project's alignment with key state programs, including the Clean Fuel Standard, Climate Commitment Act, and policies promoting low-carbon industrial innovation.

Project Wigeon is expected to deliver significantly greater lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions reductions compared to conventional jet fuel. It will also drive environmental performance through its use of waste-based feedstocks and a production process designed to meet rigorous sustainability and safety standards.

As a public agency focused on long-term regional growth, the Port of Walla Walla views Project Wigeon as a catalyst for both economic development and environmental progress, not only in Eastern Washington, but across the state. We commend the Department of Ecology for its leadership in ensuring a transparent, science-based review and urge timely advancement of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patrick H. Reay

Executive Director

Cc: Port Commissioners

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