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Mr. John Sitkin Chmelik, Sitkin & Davis 1500 Railroad Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225 Ms. Martha Bray 6368 Erwin Lane Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Re: Concrete Nor'West's Proposed Gravel Mine (PL 16-0097)

Dear Mr. Sitkin and Ms. Bray,

As you know, I represent Skagit County Planning & Development Services. We are in receipt of your March 2, 2017 letter and March 14, 2017 e-mail regarding Concrete Nor'West's proposed gravel mine. We have carefully considered your comments, as well as the one hundred other public comments received. Currently, this project is on hold until we receive additional information from Concrete Nor'West. Please see the enclosed letter John Cooper at Planning and Development Services sent to Concrete Nor'West today.

Since there are numerous factual discrepancies in Concrete Nor'West's Application, Project Description, SEPA Checklist, Traffic Study, and Fish & Wildlife Site Assessment, we asked Concrete Nor'West to update these materials to include the requested supplemental information and to ensure consistency with their current project plans.

After receiving Concrete Nor'West's updated materials, the County will carefully evaluate them and issue a Revised SEPA Determination for public comment. Since certain neighbors were inadvertently excluded from the original notice list Concrete Nor'West prepared, the County will update the list and ensure that proper notice is provided pursuant to Skagit County Code. Subsequently, the Staff Report for the Special Use Permit will be revised and published for public comment and hearing.

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We appreciate your invitation to attend a Community Meeting on March 29, 2017. However, we feel that it is premature for Skagit County to meet at this time. Until we receive the requested supplemental information from Concrete Nor'West, Planning and Development Services will have difficulty answering questions on the project. Additionally, we believe that your concerns will be adequately addressed through future public hearings. In the meantime, we encourage you to reach out to Dan Cox, Concrete Nor'West's representative on this application, at (360) 757-3121 or Dan.Cox@miles.rocks, to answer any questions you or others in the community have on the proposed project.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact me at (360) 416-1638 or julien@co.skagit.wa.us or John Cooper, the Project Manager, at (360) 416-1334 or johnc@co.skagit.wa.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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