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Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

From: Dale Pernula, AICP, Director, SEPA Responsible Official

Date: May 14, 2014

Re: Comments received on the MDNS for the proposed Shell crude-by-rail unloading facility
File numbers PL13-0468 & PL14-0079

Skagit County Planning and Development Services (PDS) received over 300 public comments on the Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) issued on April 24, 2014, pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for the proposed Shell crude-by-rail unloading facility. The comment period for the MDNS ended on Friday May 9, 2014. There are comments in support of this proposal as well as comments requesting additional environmental review.

Following review of all comments received, the SEPA Responsible Official determined that additional information is necessary; therefore, PDS will request additional information be provided by the applicant. That information will be reviewed with the entire record to determine if all issues have been adequately addressed and whether the threshold determination needs to be modified.

As required by Skagit County Code, a public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled as part of the standard shoreline permit application process. That hearing would not likely occur before this summer. PDS will continue to accept public comments concerning the proposal up to the date of the public hearing, as well as during the hearing.