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Ms. Heather Wills
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Dear Ms. Wills:

S-002-001 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the final environmental impact statement for the Interstate 5 Columbia River Crossing project located in Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the information provided and has the following comment(s):

SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:
Rebecca Schroeder (360) 407-7273

Ensure that this project is consistent with the State Shoreline Management Act and the Clark County Shoreline Master Program. Placement of fill in wetlands may require an individual or general (nationwide) permit from the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers (Corps). We advise the applicant to contact the Corps to determine whether a permit is needed. Should an individual Corps permit be required, a water quality certification will also be required from Ecology. Ecology will therefore provide additional review at that time.

WASTE 2 RESOURCES: Mike Drumright (360) 407-6397

To mitigate the impact of the impervious surfaces resulted from the future development, the applicant may wish to refer to the low impact development strategies in the comprehensive land use plan. You can find the Low Impact Development Technical Manual at the Puget Sound Partnership website http://www.psp.wa.gov/downloads/LID/LID_manual2005.pdf.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

(SM:11-4640)

cc: Mike Drumright, W2R
Rebecca Schroeder, SEA

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The CRC project appreciates the insight on the permits needed prior to construction of the LPA. The CRC project will be submitting applications in accordance with the State Shoreline Management Act and the County's Shoreline Master Program.

An individual permit from the Corps will be sought under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In addition, a Section 9 Rivers and Harbors Act permit will be sought. Both these permits will require a Section 401 Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification from Ecology prior to approval. Additional coordination and project review will occur at that time.

Impervious surfaces from future development will comply with existing requirements, including the incorporation of low-impact strategies where practicable, at the time of development.