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**From:** Nye, Roger  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 1999 11:55 AM  
**To:** 'Paul Agid'; 'Elizabeth Leavitt'  
**Cc:** Wang, Ching Pi  
**Subject:** Possible Utilization of Ecology Contract Services

Hello Both:

We (Elizabeth and I) have talked briefly about the possible use of Ecology's contract consultant (SAIC) to provide assistance to Ecology in the review of technical material regarding the Agreed Order. As per Elizabeth's request here is an E-Mail which further articulates that notion.

1. The project needs as much credibility as possible. This is not to say that Ecology has concerns about the credibility or expertise of the Port or Port consultants.

However:

(a) A large component of the public comments received called for an independent review of the project by Ecology. We do that anyway in the Agreed Order process, but in this situation, having SAIC involved would lend credibility and independence to Ecology's own review of the project (Ecology and its consultant evaluating the Port and its consultant).

Furthermore:

(b) There is the unfortunate possibility of a legislatively-mandated completely independent study by Ecology's WQ Program which could in large part duplicate the work done in the Agreed Order regarding a conceptual model of groundwater at STIA. Having SAIC involved in Ecology's review, again, would provide additional credibility to the Port-generated model.

2. Ecology's review of the technical material regarding the Agreed Order should and will involve more staff than just myself as per our usual internal procedure. However, there could be a problem in terms of staff availability with experience in modeling to accomplish timely review of the material. Utilizing SAIC would help alleviate the problem.

My vision is that SAIC's involvement in the project would be passive. SAIC would provide technical assistance to Ecology as needed in evaluating and

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approving the work done by Port consultants in terms of reasonableness, defensibility, what-ifs, etc.

It is hoped that the Port will find the involvement of SAIC in the project as described above agreeable, and furthermore, be agreeable to paying SAIC's charges as part of the project's costs as per the MTCA (173-340-550(a)). Costs for SAIC are not simply additional costs as (1) I believe the project could move along faster, and (2) SAIC's charges would partly be in lieu of additional Ecology staff charges. Ecology would be willing to involve the Port in identifying SAIC's specific activities as the project unfolds.

In order to facilitate the process to procure SAIC's services for review of the conceptual model, I need to hear back from you concerning this situation as soon as you can manage. Thank you.

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