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thanks john, this is very helpful.
martha

>>> John Savich 04/19/00 10:57AM >>>

I've been in touch with both the port and DOE (hdqtrs & the region) over the past few weeks abt the 401 permit for the runway. I understand you have a mtg with Mic later this week. Here's what I know.

DOE had indicated ealler this year, to you and to the port, that they could deal with the 401 permit by mid June. More recently, they told me it would be mid July.

Because DOE says they don't have enough staff, the port has paid King County to review the stormwater management plan necessary for the permit. Collective expectation is that DOE will mainly accept the county's conclusions. At an early April mtg, the county presented a mid-review report that identified several serious shortcomings in the work of the port's consultant.

Main issue is stromwater management, largely storage issues, not water quality.

The port & DOE will meet Thursday to review port plans to address the concerns raised by the county. Also to identify any secondary issues, such as the aquatic resources mitigation plan or the adequacy of the port responses to public comments.

DOE feels the port's consultant could have done a better job. (I think the lead consultant may call me before the end of the week.) They feel the port has tried to piecemeal its efforts, rather than addressing things comprehensively.

The port feels that DOE keeps adding new concerns. In general though, both agree their relationship & communication are lots better than a year or two ago.

On a technical level, all looks good for DOE action in July, which is consistent with the port's current timeline. (They've completely given up on hitting this construction season.)

I've got a port timeline (on paper, not electronic) that I'll forward to you--actually 2 versions, optimistic & realistic. Both need action on the 401 permit by July 21.

I'll let you know what more I learn.

John

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