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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

20 August 2002

Jay Spearman
Spearman Engineering
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Re: 2001-1-00155
Ash Grove Cement Company

Dear Mr. Spearman:

The DMMP agencies have reviewed the application of Ash Grove Cement Company to dredge approximately 600 cubic yards of aggregate from its barge unloading berth on the Duwamish River, with additional removal every two years for the life of the permit. The Company proposes to dewater and re-use this material at its cement plant.

The agencies agree that no testing of this sediment is required. The agencies do have concerns about the sediment surface that may be exposed by the dredging activity, and therefore require * that a one foot buffer of aggregate be left in place. This will minimize any possible environmental harm from existing Duwamish River sediments.

This review of sediment sampling and testing requirements does not constitute project approval. A final decision will be made after full consideration of agency and public input, and after an alternatives analysis is done under section 404 (b) 1 of the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Stirling
Biologist

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