



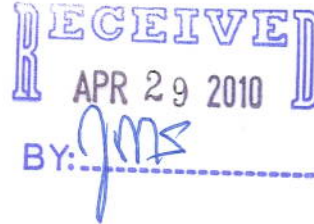
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Jim Preston, Chair
Docks and Harbors Board
City and Borough of Juneau
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Dear Mr. Preston:

Thank you for your letters dated March 26, 2010, and April 9, 2010, regarding the proposed discharge of dredged material from Douglas Harbor into Gastineau Channel. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the information that you submitted in both of the above letters. We will consider this additional information as the process moves forward.

The regulatory path forward depends in part upon the Army Corps of Engineers' (ACE) response to EPA's letter of March 2, 2010. If ACE agrees with EPA's conclusions and recommendations, then the proposed project must be modified accordingly. If ACE disagrees with EPA, then our recommendation that ACE perform an ecological and human health risk assessment consistent with EPA risk assessment guidance would apply.

Again, thank you for the information provided in your letters. EPA is committed to working with you, the Port Director and ACE on this important task and reaching a timely permit decision. If you have any questions about this letter, please call Teena Reichgott, Manager of the Environmental Review and Sediment Management Unit at, (206) 542-7321.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. McLerran
Regional Administrator

cc: Mayor Bruce Botelho, CBJ
John Stone, CBJ Port Director
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