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via email: minister@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

Office of the Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada
The Honourable Rona Ambrose
Place du Portage, Phase III, Room 18A1
11 Laurier Street
GATINEAU, QC K1A 0S5

Dear Minister Ambrose,

Re: Contaminated & Hazardous Soils from Esquimalt Graving Dock Project

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) to request your assistance in ensuring that no hazardous or contaminated soils from the Esquimalt Graving Dock project are relocated to the Cowichan Valley.

I would first like to congratulate you for moving forward with the Esquimalt Graving Dock project. It is an important economic and environmental initiative that we strongly support.

Regrettably, over the last twelve years, the Cowichan Valley has found itself increasingly becoming a dumping ground for soils emanating from Southern Vancouver Island. Our citizens are growing tired and frustrated with the thousands of truckloads per year of contaminated and other soils coming over the Malahat to be dumped in the Cowichan Valley. The CVRD is presently working with the Province of British Columbia to find ways to reduce the potential impact to our water and environment as a result of these soils being trucked into our community.

The CVRD Board is strongly opposed to the relocation of any further contaminated soil to lands within the domestic water supply watersheds within the Cowichan Valley. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that contaminated soils coming from the Esquimalt Graving Dock project do not become destined for the Cowichan Valley.

Thank you very much for your consideration and assistance.

Yours truly,

Rob Hutchins,
Chair

pc: Jean Crowder, MP, Nanaimo – Cowichan
Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment, Province of British Columbia
Rear Admiral Bill Truelove, Maritime Forces Pacific, CFB Esquimalt
CVRD Board of Directors

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