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RE: Port Angeles Water Treatment Plant Transfer Agreement
October 7, 2008 Agenda Item C.1

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Protect the Peninsula's Future ("PPF"). We are concerned that the City Council may seek to accept and use the Port Angeles Water Treatment Plant without doing a required SEPA threshold determination. The final supplement to the final EIS under NEPA for removing the dams and building this water treatment plant was published in July, 2005. The City was not fluoridating its municipal water supply at that time and so there was no analysis in that EIS of the use of processes proposed for the new water treatment plant interacting with municipal water fluoridation. Alum is proposed to be added to the water by the new water treatment plant to control sediment. There is evidence that the combination of alum and fluoride promotes development of Alzheimer's Disease.

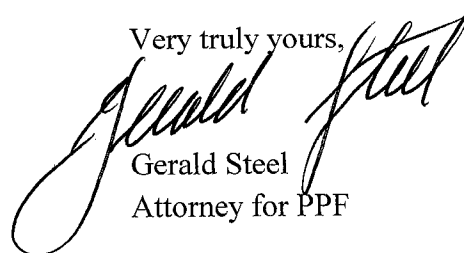
In a study of more than 3,500 French men and women above the age of 65 (Jacqmin et al. (1994)), a significant decrease in cognitive abilities was found when their drinking water contained calcium, aluminum, and fluorine.

National Research Council Report, Fluoride in Drinking Water: A Scientific Review of EPA Standards (2006).

There should be an environmental checklist and threshold determination under SEPA before the City produces municipal water that contains both alum and fluoride.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Very truly yours,



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