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Mr. Kevin Twohig
Spokane Public Facilities District
720 West Mallon Avenue
Spokane, Wa 99201

Re: Spokane Convention Center Expansion

Dear Mr. Twohig:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the proposed expansion of the Spokane Convention Center (Proponent– Spokane Public Facilities District). The Department of Ecology has reviewed the documents and would like to submit the following comments:

Water Quality Program

A major effort is underway to eliminate sources polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) to the Spokane River in order to achieve the water quality standard for PCB in the river. PCB can be an inadvertent contaminant in pigments used in paints and has also been found in building materials, such as caulks and roofing materials. In order to avoid introduction of PCB into the Spokane River, building materials (paints, caulks, and roofing materials) that are used in the construction of the new convention center should be certified to be free of PCB, as demonstrated by a laboratory analysis.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology's comments are based upon the information submitted for review. As such, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri Costello".

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