



## Skagit County Planning & Development Services

October 10, 2023

Bill Wooding  
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Anacortes, Washington 98221

### **RE: HEARINGS EXAMINER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> REFERRAL OF PL16-0556 TO SKAGIT COUNTY'S PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Wooding:

Please find attached a copy of the remand from the Board of County Commissioners as well as a copy of the Order that the Hearings Examiner sent deferring the next steps to Skagit County Planning and Development Services (PDS).

According to the directions of the Hearing Examiner, the applicant shall hire a qualified professional to prepare a Geologically Hazardous Site Assessment in accordance with the Board of County Commissioners' October 6 instructions.

The Geologically Hazardous Area Site Assessment shall be prepared consistent with the requirements of Skagit County Code 14.24.400-.420, including but not limited to SCC 14.24.420(e) and (f),

The Geologically Hazardous Area Site Assessment shall have a **physical investigation and analysis assessing the north/northwest groundwater flow and potential impacts under different mine development scenarios**, rather than mere validation of the inferences and methodologies used in the original Maul Foster report.

The requested information needs to be received by our department **within 120 days of the date of this letter** as required by Skagit County Code 14.06.105. Failure to do so will result in the denial of your application for Special Use Permit.

Once we receive the requested information, third party review performed by a consultant on behalf of PDS will likely occur. Please note, all costs of third party review will be passed on to the applicant to pay in full.

Once Skagit County's third party review consultant has reviewed your Geological Hazardous Site Assessment a new Notice of Public Hearing will be issued and a new date set for a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner on this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me at (360) 416-1423 or by email at [kcricchio@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:kcricchio@co.skagit.wa.us). . Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Board of County Commissioners, 10/6/2023 Remand Decision  
Hearing Examiner's 10/6/2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral to PDS