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October 24, 2017

Mark Stiffler  
Northwest Alloys, Inc.  
201 Isabella Street  
Pittsburg, PA 15212

Re: Aquatic Lands Lease No. 20-B09222 Denial of Consent to Place Improvements

Dear Mr. Stiffler:

On August 29, 2017, DNR received a request from Northwest Alloys, Inc. for approval of plans for new improvements under Aquatic Lands Lease No. 20-B09222, which covers a portion of the bed of the Columbia River in Longview. The Lease contemplates that DNR will review Northwest Alloys' request and respond within 60 days. DNR has carefully considered Northwest Alloys' request and has determined that it is in the best interest of the State to deny the request at this time.

As described in detail in the attached Memorandum, DNR's decision to deny Northwest Alloys' request is based on several factors, including Northwest Alloys' failure to provide essential information, the Department of Ecology's decision to deny a permit necessary for construction of the improvements identified in the request, and DNR's previous denial of Northwest Alloys' sublease request related to the improvements.

Sincerely,

Hilary S. Franz  
Commissioner of Public Lands