



January 6, 2025

Cliff Rapp  
Logistics Maintenance Manager  
Puyallup Fred Meyer Distribution Center  
2200 North Meridian  
Puyallup, Washington 98371

**RE: Geotechnical Response Letter  
Puyallup Fred Meyer Distribution Center – Truck Entrance  
2200 North Meridian  
Puyallup, Washington 98371  
RGI Project No. 2017-206-2**

Reference: The Riley Group, Inc, Geotechnical Exploration and Recommendation, Puyallup Fred Meyer Distribution Center – Truck Entrance, Puyallup, Washington dated April 9, 2024

The Riley Group, Inc, Stormwater Infiltration Assessment, Fred Meyer Distribution Center, Puyallup, Washington dated October 26, 2017

Dear Cliff Rapp:

The Riley Group, Inc. (RGI) is pleased to provide this letter addressing the Geotechnical comments prepared by City of Puyallup Engineering Division dated December 11, 2024. RGI previously prepared the referenced Geotechnical Exploration and Recommendation letter and the Stormwater Infiltration Assessment for the property.

**City of Puyallup Comment:** -Infeasibility criteria claim soils are not suitable for infiltration. The provided geotechnical report from Riley Group dated April 19, 2024 does not appear to discuss infiltration. Either provide further infiltration data and geotechnical recommendation around infiltration, or other infeasibility criteria, or incorporate BMPs into design.

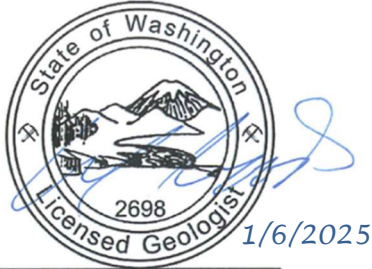
**RGI Responses:** RGI completed two test pits in the proposed truck entrance area. Fill soils were encountered in both test pits. Approximately 5 feet of fill soils were observed in test pit TP-1 from grade to a depth of 5 feet. Fill soils in test pit TP-2 contained concrete and metal debris. The fill soils in test pit TP-1 were underlain by silt. Ten feet of fill soils were observed in test pit TP-2 from grade to a depth of 10 feet. A layer of filter fabric was observed at the base of the fill. The fill soils in test pit TP-2 were underlain by silt.

Per the Washington State Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, infiltration facilities can be placed in fill material if the fill is placed and compacted under the direct supervision of a geotechnical engineer. The presence of concrete and metal debris indicates the fill was not placed and compacted under the supervision of a geotechnical engineer, as concrete and metal debris would not be allowed in structural fill placement observed by a geotechnical engineer and does not meet the requirement for infiltration in fill soils.

Please call us at (425) 415-0551 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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