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**MEMORANDUM**

August 21, 2024

File No. 24-082101

TO:                   Whatcom County, Planning Director  
                          Other Interested Parties  
                          DFW Region 4  
                          Skagit River Systems Cooperative  
                          Dept. of Revenue  
                          Parks & Recreation  
                          Lummi Fisheries Tribe  
                          Nooksack Indian Tribe  
                          J. Steel/J. Simons, DNR  
                          B. Hamilton/H. Crapo/A. Schmidt, DNR  
                          Twin Sisters Olivine Ltd., Proponent

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US Forest Service  
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Northwest Clean Air Agency  
Samish Indian Tribe  
Upper Skagit Tribe  
A. Shafer/N. Damer, DNR

FROM:               Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT:       **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE, AND  
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

**Surface Mine Reclamation Permit 70-012069 proposal is for an expansion to an existing DNR Surface Mine Reclamation Permit (#70-012069). Permit acreage will increase from 20 acres to 35.8 acres. The proposal will remove olivine to a depth of 260 feet below pre-mining topographic grade. The site will be reclaimed to a forestry subsequent use. Located in Sections 34, 35, Township 38 North, Range 06 East, W.M., Whatcom County.**

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and Application for Reclamation Permit can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/mineral-resources>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **August 21, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS Adoption received by 4:30 p.m. on **September 4, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov) or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.