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Re: Request for Determination: TASL Site


This correspondence is in response to your letter dated April 27, 2020, in which you submitted the following request to the Grays Harbor County Board of Health and its Public Health Officer, John C. Bausher, M.D., Ph.D:

[D]etermine that TASL operations address an immediate threat to public health and safety related to the novel coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic by maintaining shelter for a population of non- [sic] addresses an immediate threat to public health and safety by maintaining shelter for a population of non-domiciled individuals.

The City of Aberdeen has been provided with guidance from Grays Harbor County Public Health and the Incident Management Team to prevent any outbreak at TASL, including social distancing and other measures; it is presumed that utilizing this guidance has been successful given the lack of positive COVID-19 tests at TASL. This is supported by the fact that, as of the date of this letter, there have been no confirmed positive cases in Grays Harbor County that resulted from TASL operations.


In short, from the time Grays Harbor County declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been no evidence to support the City of Aberdeen's contention that TASL operations constitute an immediate threat to public health and safety as they relate to COVID-19. Therefore, we cannot in good faith make the determination that you seek.

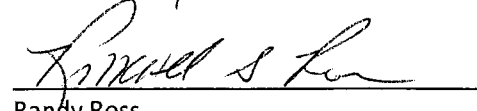
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