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Subject: **Application for Seasonal Grading Limitation Waiver**
Proposed New Residence
4304 E Mercer Way
Mercer Island, Washington

Greetings:

We understand that work associated with construction of the new residence will extend beyond the October 1 start of the Seasonal Development Moratorium (aka West Season Grading Restriction), as defined by City of Mercer Island Code. Mercer Builders, your contractor, is applying for a waiver to allow this wet weather grading.

We have been provided with a copy of the application, which includes a construction schedule, temporary erosion control plan, and a Seasonal Development Emergency contact form. Based on this information, and our discussions with Mercer Builders, we expect that demolition of the existing house, and excavation, foundation construction, and backfilling for the new residence will occur in the wet season. Preventing any silty runoff from leaving the site and avoiding tracking of soil onto the surrounding pavements will be of utmost importance.

Fortunately, your general (Mercer Builders) and earthwork (Watterson Excavating) contractors are very familiar with wet weather earthwork considerations for sloped, limited access sites on Mercer Island.

In order to satisfy the City of Mercer Island's requirements, we make the following statement:

In our judgment, the development practices that have been included in the plans, and that are recommended in our geotechnical report and this letter should render the new construction as safe as if it were not located in a geologic hazard area.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,
GEOTECH CONSULTANTS, INC.

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