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Comments on proposed 3BR proposed slaughter house at 3200 Wilson Creek Road.
permit #CU-23-00001.

Having a local meat processing plant in Kittitas County sounds like a great idea. But will the public be protected from the hazards that can come from this type of facility?

Ground water contamination is one of the largest environmental concerns associated with slaughterhouse waste water.

Meat and poultry processing facilities are the largest industrial point source of nitrogen pollution discharged into waterways, according to 2015 EPA data. They also release 14% of the phosphorus released into waterways from all industrial sources. One of the largest environmental concerns associated with slaughterhouses is wastewater and water contamination.

The amount of water used for processing the animal is also a concern. It appears that it takes on average about 300 gallons per animal. This is equivalent to the use of an entire household for one day. If 3BR is proposing processing up to 200 animals in a said period, that would be like adding 200 households for those days.

How will this amount of water consumption affect the local water tables?


I will admit that I am spoiled. The water found in our home is some of the most palatable, pure water I have ever consumed. To think that this may be jeopardized is frightening.

Why should I have concerns? Well to be honest, it appears that the county does not do a very thorough job of pre-inspections for large developments. I reference the project on Bender Road where it appears that after thousands of truck loads of fill were brought into a development site, that the conditions needed for this project to go forward were never met. And that's not the only one.

Based on what I have seen and the concerns that I have, I believe, that for this project to go forward both Kittitas County and 3BR should provide a bond to all that may be affected in the event that a pre-inspection was inadequate or if an incident occurs that will affect our ground water (wells) in the future.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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