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Dan Valoff
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Re: CU-11-00004

Dear Mr. Valoff:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the development of a 65 acre sand and gravel mining operation, proposed by Lenny Morrison on behalf of Carla Thomas. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Please note that the property owner's name has been misspelled on several of the project documents (i.e., Notice of Application, and Conditional Use Permit application). The property owner is Carla Thomas and not Carla Tomas.

The Reclamation Permit is missing from the list of Required Permits on Kittitas County's Notice of Application dated January 20, 2012.

The following information, if applicable, should be included in the environmental checklist to facilitate environmental review:

- How much material is proposed to be removed and to what depth?
- Is there an existing scale house or will one be constructed?
- Describe all activities that will occur on this site during the sand and gravel operation. Will there be stockpiling, crushing, washing, and/or hauling of the materials? If so, please describe.
- It is recommended to list which BMP's will be used.
- What are the proposed days and hours of operation?
- At the peak, how many trucks trips will occur?



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Shorelands/Environmental Assistance

The environmental checklist mentions that there is a spring that is adjacent to the project, but no information is given as to how far away the spring is or whether the spring is part of a wetland or stream system. The potential effects of the quarry activities (ground or surface water disruption or interception) should be discussed in the documents. If effects on the spring are anticipated, mitigation measures should be taken.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact Catherine Reed at (509) 575-2616.

Water Quality

Ecology concurs that the Sand & Gravel General Permit is required for this site.

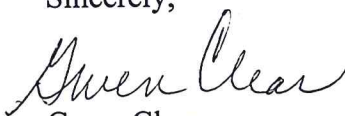
The following information pertains to responses within the environmental checklist:

- #1. Earth b.
Slopes on maps show maximum 50% while the SEPA environmental checklist states 40%.
- #3. Water – a. Surface
“Yes, adjacent to the proposal the property owner has rights to a year round spring that feeds a small stock water pond.”

The mine operation cannot intercept water bearing units within and between basalt flows that feed the stock water pond.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Quality comments, please contact Lorraine Powell at (509) 457-7113.

Sincerely,



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