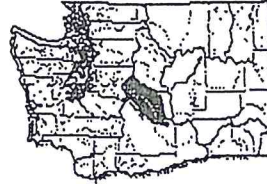




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Joanna Valencia  
Kittitas County Community Development Services  
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Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Ms. Valencia:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the pre-threshold determination for a sand & gravel excavation proposed by Marly Crowe and Shane Jump [C06-05]. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comment.

**Water Quality**

Operation of this shale pit does not require coverage under the Sand & Gravel General Permit if it is managed as discussed during a site review in 2000:

- all stormwater must be contained on site
- any petroleum products not in mobile equipment are to be double contained
- any spills cleaned up promptly

Operation of a crusher on the site must be done with the coverage under the Sand & Gravel General Permit.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Quality comments, please contact Phelps Freeborn at 509.454.7277.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Review Coordinator  
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