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Re: SEPA Register 202006317, CU-20-00004

Dear Rachael Stevie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the Cruth Self Storage project, proposed by Two C's Investment, LLC. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Wendy Neet** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 454-7277 or email wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov with questions about this permit.

WATER RESOURCES

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one

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exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 454-7872 or email at christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov .

Sincerely,



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