



Kittitas County Solid Waste Programs

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Conditional Use Permit No. CU-21-00003

Kittitas County Community Development Services

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Re: Ryegrass Limited Purpose Landfill Expansion SEPA Checklist

Dear Planning Official:

The originally approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. CU-21-00003 was reversed through Judgment No. 21-2-02062-39 based on the Memorandum Decision issued on July 1, 2022. The reversal requires that a new State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist be prepared, and a new threshold determination be made.

The original limited purpose landfill (LPL) expansion application used the previously approved 2004 SEPA Checklist and a 2021 SEPA Checklist Amendment updating specific SEPA Checklist sections impacted by the proposed LPL expansion. Enclosed in the new CUP application, please find a new 2022 SEPA Checklist to replace the current 2004 SEPA Checklist and address the concerns raised in the Memorandum Decision, primarily that:

- The Lead Agency should have available data for review rather than relying on the Kittitas County Public Health (Public Health) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) evaluation of the site.
- Whether the available environmental information is applicable to the expansion area.
- Revisions are needed to additional sections of the 2004 SEPA Checklist, such as updates to vicinity habitat.

The 2022 SEPA Checklist includes expanded narratives and attached environmental documentation to provide Community Development Services (CDS) the opportunity to verify that there is sufficient relevant and current information to conclude the environmental impact of the LPL expansion would be less than moderate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patti Stacey".

Patti Stacey

Kittitas County Solid Waste Programs Director

cc: Project File