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Dusty Pilkington  
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Re: LP-19-00002

Dear Dusty Pilkington:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of application for the Suncadia Phase 2 Division 5 project. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

#### WATER QUALITY

The Cle Elum River and its tributaries are included in the Upper Yakima River Basin Suspended Sediment, Turbidity, and Organochlorine Pesticide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and the Upper Yakima River Tributaries Watershed Temperature TMDL water quality improvement programs. The eastern side of the proposed development site is near to and slightly uphill from a fish-bearing tributary of the Cle Elum River. Erosion of the project site has the potential to add sediment and turbidity to this stream. Care must be taken, both during and after development of this site, to prevent the entry of sediment and turbidity to the Cle Elum River and its tributaries. Streamside vegetation must also be protected and maintained. Project planning, development, and use of the site needs to include water quality protection.

Please contact **Jane Creech** at the Washington State Dept. of Ecology (509-454-7860, [jton461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jton461@ecy.wa.gov)) if you have questions about these TMDL programs.

Sincerely,

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