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Re: PF-10-00001

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of application for the construction of a 7,620 square foot fire station on approximately 1.5 acres, proposed by Kittitas County Fire District 7. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

Water Resources

Information for the applicant:

If you plan to use water for dust suppression at your site, be sure that you have a legal right. A water right permit is required for *all* surface water diversions and for any water from a well that will exceed 5,000 gallons per day. (Chapter 90.03 RCW Surface Water Code and Chapter 90.44 RCW Regulation of Public Ground Waters) If in doubt, check with the Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program. Temporary permits may be obtainable in a short time-period. The concern of Water Resources is for existing water rights. In some instances water may need to be obtained from a different area and hauled in or from an existing water right holder.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 454-7647.



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Waste 2 Resources

Ecology encourages the applicant to consider the use of low-toxic building products and finishes, and incorporating building materials that have been salvaged, or are made from recycled and/or sustainable materials. There are many opportunities to incorporate money-saving, environmentally sound principles, such as on-site recycling or scrap building materials, in this dock project.

The applicant should also consider designing and constructing the facility so opportunities to recycle are at least as convenient as waste disposal. Space should be provided inside and outside the facility to accommodate equipment and containers for processing and storage of recyclables. Materials such as paper, glass, aluminum and other metals, corrugated containers, and plastics should be recycled.

For more information concerning these Waste 2 Resources comments, contact Chris Piercy at (509) 454-7863 or chrp461@ecy.wa.gov.

Water Quality

Project Greater-Than 1 Acre with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

An 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 more than one acre of disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit is a minimum of a 38 day process and may take up to 60 days if the original SEPA does not disclose all proposed activities.

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

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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 Lynda Jamison at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 575-2434, with questions about this permit.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent soil from being carried into surface water by storm water runoff. Sand, silt, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered pollutants.

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Best management practices must be used to prevent any sediment, oil, gas or other pollutants from entering surface or ground water.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Quality comments, please contact Lynda Jamison at (509) 575-2434.

Sincerely,



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