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Chelsea Benner  
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Re: PF-18-00001

Dear Ms. Benner:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the relocation of the Kittitas County Public Works Upper County Maintenance Shop. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

### **AIR QUALITY**

This maintenance shop proposal does not specify whether it will include a paint booth or other source of air pollutant emissions, such as welding. Installation and operation of any new or modified air pollutant source requires a preconstruction air quality permit, unless otherwise exempted [Washington Administrative Code 173-400-110]. For information regarding air permit applicability and/or process, please contact Ryan Vicente at (509) 454-7899 or [ryan.vicente@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ryan.vicente@ecy.wa.gov).

### **WATER QUALITY**

The proposed project is located immediately adjacent to Crystal Creek, a protected stream. Crystal Creek has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) water quality improvement program addressing water quality limitations for fecal coliform bacteria, biological oxygen demand, ammonia, and total residual chlorine. Additionally, the proposed project is located within the Upper Yakima River watershed, which has a TMDL program addressing water quality limitations for suspended sediment, turbidity, and organochlorine pesticides.

The proposed project will need to protect Crystal Creek from further degradation. Project planning, development, and future use of the site needs to include water quality protection. If you have any questions regarding these TMDL programs, please contact Jane Creech at (509) 454-7860 or [jton461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jton461@ecy.wa.gov).



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Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

If your project anticipates disturbing ground with the potential for stormwater discharge off-site, the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit is recommended. 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.

In the event that an unpermitted Stormwater discharge does occur off-site, it is a violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control and is subject to enforcement action.

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 **Lloyd Stevens, Jr.** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 574-3991, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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