

October 10, 2018

Chelsea Benner
Kittitas County Community Development
411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2
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Re: Application for shoreline exemption permit for water quality monitoring stations

Hi Chelsea,

This package contains a combined submittal for shoreline permit exemptions. Exemptions would be for both the installation and operation of Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) water quality monitoring stations in Kittitas County. Ecology would place new, non-existing equipment at 6 locations throughout the upper Yakima River Basin. This Ecology project qualifies for a shoreline exemption as described in WAC 173-27-040 (o): Ecology would conduct water quality effectiveness monitoring on an approved watershed restoration project, the Upper Yakima River Basin Suspended Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

Ecology plans to install these temporary stations from October 2018 – December 2018 and operate them until November 2019. After this, they will be dismantled and removed. The table below shows the site numbers, site names, and site landowners. There are supporting materials (Compass map, site plan sketch, photo, and signature page from landowner) attached to this letter for each of the site locations.

Site #	Site Name	Landowner
1	Yakima R. at Easton	Kittitas County
2	Yakima R. above Wilson Creek	Kittitas County
3	Yakima R. at Horlick	USBR
4	Wilson Creek at Thrall Rd	WSDOT
5	Cherry Creek at Thrall Rd	WSDOT
6	Teanaway R. @ Lambert	BPA

I have also included a printed copy of Ecology's current Hydraulic Project Approval permit from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife allowing Ecology to install stream gage monitoring stations in Washington State waters.

To move forward with the installation of these water quality monitoring stations, Ecology needs written agreement from Kittitas County that the monitoring stations are granted shoreline exemptions.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please contact me if you require any additional information about this project during your review.

Sincerely,



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