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Importance: High

Please see the attached letter with additional comments for the Grow Facility proposed by QLL Holdings, LLC. These SEA program comments are in addition to Ecology comments dated February 13, 2015. The original letter is in the mail. Thank you,

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Re: SE-14-00011

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised mitigated determination of nonsignificance for the 2 Phase I-502 Grow Facility project on 21.12 acres, proposed by QLL Holdings, LLC. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following additional comments to Ecology's letter dated February 13, 2015.

SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

There appears to be a swale that bisects both lots and connects to the south with the Schnebly Creek system. Aerial photos show that the swale transverses the two lots from the northwest corner of lot 2 down to the southeast corner of lot 3. There is an artificially excavated pond that either day-lights groundwater or has water pumped into it. If this excavated pond is capturing a high groundwater table, then wetlands could be present in the swale. The SEPA checklist should provide information on these features and should provide information on where the groundwater table is in relationship to the surface. These low areas should be examined to determine whether wetlands are present if these areas will be filled or excavated to place developments on site. If wetlands will be impacted, then mitigation for wetland impacts should be required.

Ecology would be happy to assist the County or the applicant with a site reconnaissance to determine whether wetlands are present on the site and whether a wetland determination is needed to protect wetland functions from development activities.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact **Catherine Reed** at (509) 575-2616 or email at catherine.reed@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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