

August 23, 2020

To: Kittitas County Community Development Service

Re: Application SE0003 Brown and Jackson

We strongly support the rights of private property owners to use their property as they see fit providing it does not adversely affect their neighbors. The application for installation of septic storage ponds in an ever-growing section of Kittitas County seems to us an obvious intrusion on the rights of the nearby landowners. The Notice of Application indicates that Tax parcel 295134 is located 9.6 miles from Ellensburg. Our home is located at mile post 9 on Vantage Highway

The most obvious concern is the odor produced by septic storage facilities. We once owned a home in the Tucson, Az. Area. A few miles north of our property the County had located a facility similar to the one proposed by Brown and Jackson. When anyone drove through that area there was a strong septic odor even with the car windows rolled up. This adversely effected property values in the area.

It is true that our prevailing winds are from the Northwest but, even so, we were quite often bothered by the odor produced by the silage pits which were located on Vantage Highway about 12.75 miles east of Ellensburg.

We are certain that the County would require steps to mitigate the additional potential hazards posed by this project such as seepage of effluent into the ground water, the irrigation canal or Park Creek but there can be no guarantee that such leaks will not occur as they have in other cases. Remember Hanford. An irrigation ditch runs westerly from Park Creek through several neighboring parcels, including ours, and terminates in two large ponds located on the Tahoma Farms development.

We strongly urge you to deny the permit application for the Brown and Jackson project. This use is no more appropriate for our area than was the Pacific Clean application.

Respectfully,

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