



# Operating Engineers' Regional Training Program

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Dear Kelly Bacon:

Re: Brown and Jackson SEPA Application (SE-20-00003)

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 612/302 Training Facility (directly adjacent to this proposed project site) are in full opposition to the approval of this SEPA application and moving forward with this proposed location for this project.

While we are in full support of infrastructure construction and community improvement the location selected for this site is not ideal as we have a fully functional training facility that will be adversely affected by the emissions associated with these ponds. Furthermore, the speed of processing does not afford sufficient public consideration and discussion of this proposed project. It would seem prudent of these developers and the county to have discussed their proposed plans for this project prior to moving forward with this submittal. In addition to the foul and potentially harmful emissions that our members will be exposed to, we question the decision for the location, the necessity of the operations, and the potential harmful effects to the underground water supply.

Several hundred of our members live and work in the greater Kittitas county area and thousands of our members train at this site on an annual basis. Not to mention a yearly community event that we host yearly at this site where all the citizens of this valley could be exposed.

On behalf of the members of IUOE, Local 302 and their families, I urge you to all for further review, provide for more time for public input, and consider other locations prior to moving forward with this application. Frankly, this project has environmental consequences that must be addressed.

Sincerely,

Daren Konopaski  
IUOE, Local 302

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Administrator for Local 612/302 Training Center