



## Kittitas County Solid Waste Programs

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### **RE: Response to Comments - Kittitas County Ryegrass Facility SEPA Application (SE-20-00009)**

This letter is in response to the comments concerning Kittitas County Solid Waste Program's recent Ryegrass Facility SEPA Application (SE-20-00009). Please find below our response to the specific points raised concerning our land application process.

#### **1.1 Kittitas County Fire and Rescue - Rich Elliott (Dec. 10, 2020)**

Regarding Rich Elliott's comments, new signage installation and sign locations will be looked into and improved upon to ensure clearer navigation for emergency service delivery this year.

#### **1.2 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Scott Downes (Dec. 10, 2020)**

Addressing comments from Scott Downes, no new areas or expansion of approved areas containing sagebrush will be cleared for the project during the term of this application. The project will only take place on sites pre-approved by the designated Department of Ecology Regional Biosolids Program Coordinator. In the future, WDFW will be included/consulted if clearing is required.

#### **1.3 Washington State Department of Health -ODW- Russell Mau (Dec. 11, 2020)**

Regarding WA State Dept. of Health- ODW's comments, please see our formal response to Russell Mau. The attachment also includes an updated contact list, addressing Jesse Cox, Kittitas County Environmental Health Supervisor's comment.

If you require additional details, please refer to our main office at the contact information listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patti Johnson".

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RE: Kittitas County Ryegrass Facility SEPA Application (SE-20-00009)

To Russell Mau, PhD, PE:

Thank you for taking the time to review our application. Regarding your comments, there are no drinking water wells located on the entirety of the county property (Section 16, Township 17N and 21E). The nearest drinking water wells would belong to the Wild Horse Wind & Solar Facility approximately .6 miles North of the approved application sites, and Ryegrass Safety Rest Area West Bound approximately .75 miles South.

Updates have been made to our site management, administration and emergency contacts. I have provided the current contacts on the following page.

Thank you for your comments and we appreciate your feedback. If you require additional details, please refer to our main office at the contact information listed above.

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## SITE-SPECIFIC PLAN

### SITE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

#### CONTINGENCY PLAN

In order to ensure the biosolids are applied in a consistent manner and will be absorbed into the soil, the biosolids will not be applied during periods of prolonged rainfall, snow or frozen ground. In addition, the application of biosolids will be limited to the period between March 1 and November 1.

In case of spills, dike rupture, severe runoff or other similar emergency, the following people will be contacted:

Agency or Person	Work Telephone	Home Telephone	Cell Telephone
Kittitas County Solid Waste	(509) 962-7542		
Patti Johnson	(509) 962-7070	(509) 962-4002	(509) 929-0022
Cody Cupp	(509) 962-7577		(509) 306-5008
Kittitas County Environmental Health Supervisor	(509) 962-7698		
Jesse Cox	(509) 962-7515		(509) 859-3751
Department of Ecology			
Canming Xiao	(509) 575-2842		

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

The transportation and delivery of biosolids to the lagoons is performed by private haulers and pumpers as described in the LWEL Plan. The private haulers and pumpers are responsible for meeting any requirements for transporting and delivering the biosolids to the LWEL. Kittitas County is responsible for the biosolids storage, biosolids application, site management and record keeping, soil incorporation of the biosolids, sampling for environmental and public health monitoring, and reporting to regulatory agencies.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING

Kittitas County will periodically monitor the site for compliance with this plan.

Please refer to the LWEL Plan for an explanation of monitoring of the biosolids entering the LWEL.

Lime stabilized biosolids will be monitored to ensure that the pH remains at 12 or more for at least 2 hours and, if the biosolids are not injected, 11.5 or greater after 12 hours before land application. The Land Application Contractor shall be responsible for monitoring the lime stabilization. The Contractor shall supply test reports to the County.



**Application for Coverage Under the General Permit for Biosolids Management**

Notice is hereby given that Kittitas County has submitted an application to the Department of Ecology to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Biosolids Management. A copy of the general permit can be found at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/biosolids/pdf/BiosolidsManagement.pdf>

Washington State Department of Ecology has reviewed documentation previously submitted in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and has determined that for the purpose of this proposal, SEPA requirements have been satisfied.

Ryegrass Facility applies biosolids as a soil amendment. Land application sites are located at 25900 Vantage Highway, Ellensburg WA 98926. Our permit application includes Site Specific Land Application Plans that address the management of our biosolids at these sites. Our permit application includes a General Land Application Plan that addresses how future land application sites will be identified and managed. Proposals for new sites will be consistent with our General Land Application Plan, and additional environmental review will be completed if needed. Public notices at the proposed new sites will include a 30 day comment period, and signs will be posted around the proposed sites.

Any person who wants to comment on this proposal or to request a public hearing or meeting must do so, in writing. Comments or request must be submitted to Wendy Neet, by November 30, 2015.

If you wish to be included on an Interested Parties List to receive notification of activities related to this project, please notify, in writing, Patti Johnson. Kittitas County Ryegrass Facility will provide written confirmation by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each interested person or organization that their name has been placed on the list.

Contact persons to receive questions, comments, or requests:

Canming Xiao Ecology – Biosolids Program Coordinator SEPA Contact 1250 W. Alder St Union Gap, WA 98903 (509)575 – 2842	Jesse Cox Kittitas County Environmental Health 507 N. Nanum St. Ste 102 Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509)962-7515	Patti Johnson Kittitas County Solid Waste 925 Industrial Way Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509)962-7542	
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