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Re: SEPA Register 202104866, SE-21-00018

Dear Rachael Stevie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Threshold Consultation for the Anderson Hay Grading and Excavating Project. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comment.

## **WATER QUALITY**

### Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Wendy Neet** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 454-7277 or email [wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov) with questions about this permit.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must prevent soil from being carried by stormwater runoff into surface waters,

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or into stormwater drains that may discharge directly to surface water. Sand, silt, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered pollutants.

Sincerely,



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