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Jeremiah Cromie
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Re: SEPA Register 202200256, SE-21-00031

Dear Jeremiah Cromie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the Mundy Road improvement project, proposed by Bill Mundy. We have reviewed the documents and have the following additional comments.

WATER QUALITY

The application makes note of utilizing the Kittitas County grading permit to expand beyond the footprint of the existing road. Routine road maintenance is exempted from the NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit if the project maintains the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity and purpose of the facility. This exemption does not allow a project to discharge contamination to waters of the state. If the project disturbs the underlying and/or surrounding soil, or if subgrade material is cleared, graded or excavated as part of the repaving project, then an NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit is needed.

It has been recently noted that sediment-laden runoff has been discharged from the property where grading activities are proposed. Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

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

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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 with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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