

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

## DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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March 23, 2022

Rachael Stevie Kittitas County Community Development 411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SEPA Register 202201080, SE-22-00004

Dear Rachael Stevie:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the construction of a residence, proposed by Pocus Holdings, LLC. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

## WATER RESOURCES

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day (GPD) used for single or group domestic supply, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Additionally, all water wells constructed shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173-160 WAC by a driller licensed in the State of Washington. All wells must be located a minimum of 100 feet from any known, suspected, or potential source of contamination and shall not be located within 1,000 feet of the property boundary of solid waste landfills. A well report must be submitted to the Department of Ecology within thirty days after the completion of a well. If in doubt, check with the Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 454-7872 or email at <a href="mailto:christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov">christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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