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Kelly Bacon  
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Ellensburg, WA 98926

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Kelly Bacon:

Thank you for allowing the Department of Ecology (Ecology) the opportunity to review and comment on the variance application VA-20-00013.

Ecology does not see any issues with the proposed reduction of property line setbacks, however it does appear that the proposed project is in shoreline jurisdiction and has not yet been reviewed for shoreline requirements which may impact the location of the proposed structure.

Kittitas County Code 17A.02.300 defines the Waters/water typing system as follows:

"Waters" includes all surface waters not otherwise owned pursuant to water rights established under state law, as defined in Section 17A.02.290. A "water typing system" is a classification system for certain streams, lakes and ponds. The state of Washington, for its purposes, has adopted a five-tier typing system in WAC 222-16-030. For purposes of this chapter, Kittitas County adopts five classification types. Types 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 waters are adopted and are classified according to the following system for the purposes of this chapter:

"Type 1 waters" means all waters, within their ordinary high water mark (OHWM), as inventoried as "shorelines of the state" under Chapter 90.58 RCW, but not including those waters' associated wetlands as defined in Chapter 90.58 RCW.

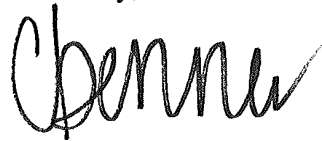
All shorelines of the state and development therein must meet the requirements of the Kittitas County Shoreline Master Program.

We request that the submitted site plan be updated with the appropriate shoreline buffer and setback information, and the project be reviewed to shoreline standards.

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Ecology looks forward to providing the County with technical assistance and expertise in the future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss my comments, please email me at [Chelsea.benner@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Chelsea.benner@ecy.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chelsea Benner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chelsea Benner  
Shoreline Planner/ Voluntary Stewardship Program Coordinator

cc: Kelly Bacon, Kittitas County