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May 22, 2015

Ms. Kaycee K Hathaway  
Kittitas County Community  
Development Services  
411 North Ruby, Ste 2  
Ellensburg WA 98926



**RE: Crowe (CU-15-00001)**

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of application for the shale mining located to the East of the City of Kittitas at 5002 Parke Creek Road. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

### **Sand and Gravel Operations**

**Site Permit Application and Coverage.** Ecology requires site permit coverage under the Sand and Gravel General Permit for all owners (or operators) of stationary asphalt or concrete batch plants. In addition, concrete products manufacturers and property owners (or operators) of sand and gravel pits, rock quarries, and asphalt/concrete recycling facilities must apply for site permit coverage under the Sand and Gravel General.

**Sand and Gravel Permit Portable Facilities Coverage.** Owners or operators of *portable* facilities that crush, manufacture ready-mix concrete or concrete blocks/bricks, or manufacture asphalt/tar paving mixtures and blocks must apply for coverage under the sand and gravel permit for portable facilities if the plant will operate at sites without sand and gravel permit coverage for crushing, asphalt paving, or concrete ready-mix. This permit for portable facilities does not provide permit coverage for excavating or digging.



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**Permit applications are at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/sand/permit.html>.**

The proponent may download the application form and instructions for **site** coverage by clicking "Application for Coverage." For portable facilities coverage click "Application for Coverage – NEW Portables." If the proponent does not have internet access, the proponent may call **Cindy Huwe** at (509) 457-7105 for application materials. It can take **up to 45 days** to issue the permit for a portable crusher or concrete/asphalt batch plant and much longer to issue a site permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Clear".

Gwen Clear  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
Central Regional Office  
(509) 575-2012

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