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August 9, 2006

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Subject:

Game Farm Estates Water System; PWS ID # AB3256; Kittitas County

Water System Plan Approval; DOH Project # 06-0202

Dear Mr. Mellergaard:

The Game Farm Estates Water System water system plan (WSP), received in this office on February 2, 2006 along with revisions submitted on July 11, 2006 has been reviewed and in accordance with the provisions of WAC 246-290-100, is hereby APPROVED.

A required update for this WSP must be approved on or before August 9, 2012. Pursuant to WAC 246-290-100(9), the Department of Health (DOH) may request an update or plan amendment prior to that date. Approval of this plan is valid as it relates to current standards outlined in Chapter 246-290 WAC, revised July 2004 and the requirements of the Municipal Water Law (SESSHB 1338), effective September 9, 2003, and is subject to the qualifications herein. Future revisions in the rules and statutes may be more stringent and require facility modification or corrective action.

This WSP includes capacity information demonstrating the physical and legal ability of this water system to provide water during the valid six-year approval period.

Based upon information supplied in the WSP, the limiting factor in determining the "approved number of connections" directly relates to the physical ability of the system to provide water.

The approved number of connections is 2.

In order to serve additional connections, Game Farm Estates Water System must submit to DOH for approval a project report for the water source and construction documents for the distribution system and reservoir.

The Game Farm Estates Water System is expected to permit additional new service connections in a manner consistent with the water system plan so that the physical capacity and water rights limitations, represented by the approved number of connections, are not exceeded.

Submittal of the WSP included a local government consistency determination from Kittitas County Planning. This WSP meets local government consistency requirements for WSP approval pursuant to RCW 90.03.386 and RCW 43.20.

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This approval does not provide any guarantee and should not be considered to provide any guarantee concerning legal use of water or subsequent water rights decisions by the Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology's comment letter dated March 28, 2006 indicates that there are uncertainties regarding your water rights. This approval does not affect the uncertainties regarding your water rights or the resolution of those uncertainties. Depending on the resolution of the uncertainties, further planning and/or other action may be necessary.

Pursuant to RCW 90.03.386 (2), the service area identified in the WSP (as denoted in the attached service area map) may now represent an expanded "place of use" for the water system's water right. Future changes in service area should be made through a WSP amendment. Pursuant to RCW 43.20.260, Game Farm Estates Water System now has a duty to provide new water service within its retail service area. This WSP has provided documentation of the procedures and processes put into place to meet the duty to serve requirements of RCW 43.20.260.

Standard Construction Specifications for distribution main extensions and Design and Construction Standards for distribution-related projects have NOT been approved as a part of this WSP. Project reports and construction documents for any new installation, extension or improvement to the system must be submitted to DOH for review and written approval in accordance with WAC 246-290-110 and -120.

The Game Farm Estates Water System is located in the Upper Yakima watershed (WRIA 39). As of the date of this letter, a watershed plan has not been formally adopted by Kittitas County.

Thank you for your cooperation. DOH recognizes the significant effort and resource commitment involved in the preparation of this WSP. Kittitas County is being notified of the terms and requirements of this approval and the determination of the approved number of connections. If you have any questions or wish to check our records, please contact either of us at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Service Area Map

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