

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Building Partnerships; Building Communities

SEPA ACTION MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

File: SEPA Checklist (SE-20-00009)

Kittitas County Ryegrass Facility

Description: The project is for application of biosolids, collected in Kittitas County's Liquid

Waste Evaporation Lagoons located near the Ryegrass Landfill, onto land

identified in the General Land Plan prepared for Kittitas County (R.W. Beck 2015) These applications are proposed to occur once a year. The project is proposed on a site that is zoned Forest and Range within a Rural Working Land Use Designation

Proponent: Kittitas County Solid Waste

925 Industrial Way Ellensburg, WA 98926

Location: Tax parcels 956102 and 040833, located at approximate mile post 16.8 on the Vantage Highway,

in Section 16, Township 17N, Range 21E, W.M. in Kittitas County, bearing Assessor's map

number 17-21-16000-0001 and 17-21-16030-0001.

Lead Agency: Kittitas County Community Development Services

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c) and WAC 197-11. This decision was made after review of a SEPA environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency, after considering voluntary mitigation measures which the lead agency or the applicant will implement as part of the proposal, and after considering mitigation measures required by existing laws and regulations that will be implemented by the applicant as part of the Kittitas County permit process. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public on request.

The lead agency has determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal. Failure to comply with the mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. The mitigation measures include the following:

- 1. Any additional clearing beyond those areas outlined in the application materials will require consultation with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish mitigation.
- 2. When the fields are no longer used for biosolid treatment, the fields shall be replanted with sagebrush as part of a restoration plan to improve habitat in the area.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350 and KCC Title 15. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 10 business days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action's procedural compliance with the provision of Chapter 197-11 WAC shall be commenced within 10 working days (on or before 5:00 pm, February 26, 2021).

Questions or Comments regarding this determination can be directed to Kelly Bacon, (509) 962-7539, kelly.bacon.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Responsible Official:

Jeremy Johnston

Title:

Kittitas County Planning Official

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Date:

February 11, 2021

Pursuant to Chapter 15A.07.010 KCC, this MDNS may be appealed by submitting specific factual objections in writing with a fee of \$1540.00 to the Kittitas County Community Development Services office at 411 North Ruby Street, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926. <u>Timely appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm, February 26, 2021.</u> Aggrieved parties are encouraged to contact the Board at (509) 962-7508 for more information on appeal process.