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**RE: SEPA 202502036; SE-25-00009**

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Nonsignificance process for the Phenning Plat. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

**Water Resources Program**

The Attorney General's Opinion, (AGO 1997 No. 6) regarding the status of exempt ground water withdrawals, states that a group of wells drilled by the same person or group of persons, at or about the same time, in the same area, for the same purpose or project should be considered a single withdrawal and would not be exempt from the permitting requirement contained in RCW 90.44.050; if the total amount withdrawn for domestic use exceeds 5,000 gallons per day or if a total of more than .5 acre of lawn and garden are irrigated. If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Nathan Longoria at (509) 907-1752 or email at [nathan.longoria@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nathan.longoria@ecy.wa.gov).

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Sincerely,

Kittitas County Community Development Services

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