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Kittitas County Community Development Services

Comments on Project Proposal CU-23-00001 3BR Custom Cuts Slaughterhouse

There are several concerns and questions that are not addressed in the SEPA Checklist for the Conditional Use Permit for this proposal.

Item A.8. indicates there is no known environmental information at this time, however as a resident with property located immediately adjacent to the slaughter house site, I have environmental concerns for both water and air.

Item B.2. a Air emissions. Anytime there are concentration of cattle, as in a holding pen, there will be odors emitted with cattle solid waste and urine. It is inaccurate to say there are no emissions. This item is not accurately addressed and no mitigations measures are shown.

Item B.3 water. On our property the water table is typically 10-16 inches below the surface. Any time there is an event such as a rainstorm, snow melt or tailwater from neighbor's irrigation activities, water comes to the surface flooding parts of our pasture, our lawn and under our house. Any surface run off from the holding pens will likely enter the high water table and travel to adjacent property.

Waste material from the plant's septic system will also be discharged into the ground water. This septic system cannot be compared to a residential as described in B.b.2 This is an industrial facility and must be treated as such. Typical slaughterhouses discharge 150-450 gallons of waste water per animal slaughtered. The Friesla system claims to use 1/8 of the water used by a normal slaughter house. This is still 19-56 gallons of sewage per animal. In addition there is a large amount of water needed for clean-up, sanitation and for workers to clean-up.

The discharges into the sewage system will contain blood, oil, grease, fats, ammonia, fecal bacteria and excrement which need to be quantified and a determination made of the potential to contaminate adjacent landowners ground and surface water. There is also the question of whether contaminants can reach neighboring wells.

Item B.3 d. Measures to address impacts to ground water and surface run off are not addressed. There are likely to be significant impacts which need to be quantified.

Item B.7.a. Environmental Health. There is a risk of ground water contamination from soluble organic and insoluble particles. These contaminants are not addressed or quantified in this report. This is a significant concern to adjacent landowners.

Traffic management on Wilson Creek road is an issue that also needs to be addressed. Wilson creek road already carries a significant amount of traffic. The entrance to the project site is relatively close to Tarp-It. A traffic analysis need to be conducted to determine whether a turn lane would be appropriate in this area.

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