

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants: [\[help\]](#)

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)

Non-project action: Amendment to County Regulations Chapter 17.15 and Chapter 13.25 for emergent situations.

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

Kittitas County

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

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4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

February 9, 2015

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

Kittitas County

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Proposed County Code amendments are scheduled to be adopted in April, 2015 .

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

There may be uses that exist within the Bowers Field airport district that have activities that are compatible with Light Industrial zone classifications and were not corrected during the effort to bring the Code into compliance in early 2014. This is noticeable in not allowing an "Airport" in the Airport district. Vehicle service, whether agricultural or non-agricultural related industries should also be included.

Regarding the second request, the low snowpack from this season is likely to create a draught within the County during the end of this summer creating the need for permitting cisterns for residential uses. Our current ordinance only permits such activity when there is no other source of water for any residential activities. The cisterns could only be used for provision of water for the single family residence, and could not be used for any multi-family, subdivision or commercial activity. The amount of water taken from the overall supply from such a change is negligible, would not in any way deplete the amount of water available to the rest of the County or Yakima Basin.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

None outside of this checklist

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

None

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#) **Proposed changes will have to be approved through ordinance amendment to come into effect.**

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to

describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)

The proposed amendment to KCC 17.15.080, Uses Allowed with Urban Areas, include allowing airports and “vehicle/equipment service and repair” within the “Light Industrial” zones in the urban growth areas. Both uses are appropriate within the Light Industrial zones. This is considered an emergent issue since existing light industrial uses are not allowed within the zone even though some of the uses are allowed within the “Rural Non-LAMIRD” Plan designated areas. Currently, the airport at Bower’s Field is not listed as an allowed use and therefore, would be classified as non-conforming. It is proposed to allow such a use with the approval of a conditional use permit. The conditional use permit is necessary to assure that such an activity proposed in another Light Industrial zone in the County would be compatible and safe within that environment. While the proposal would require a conditional use permit for the expansion of the airport, it would also make the existing use and uses conforming to the Code.

The proposal to amend KCC 13.25 is designed to permit the use and development of cisterns in areas that may be susceptible to lack of potable water and by damage from fire as a result of the draught. While the cisterns would still be required to meet State law and other County regulations, they would be permitted without showing that no other potable water exists to the site. This would permit dwellings the ability to obtain water in times of draught or fire hazard.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

The proposed amendment to amend the use matrix in KCC 17.15 will be applicable to all land within Kittitas County that is zoned “Light Industrial,” and the proposed amendment to KCC 13.25 will be applicable to all lands in Kittitas County.

As a non-project action, most of the following questions are not applicable to the proposal.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth

a. General description of the site [\[help\]](#)
(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous other _____

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)
As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal does not propose fill or grading. Future project specific development proposals within the study areas that may include fill or grading will be reviewed consistent with the provisions of the Kittitas County Code and State regulations.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal will not directly result in impacts to air quality. Future project specific development proposals within the study areas that may result in air quality impacts will be reviewed consistent with the provisions of the Kittitas County Code.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal does not include any work over, in or adjacent to water bodies. Future project specific development proposals within the study areas that may include work over, in or adjacent to water bodies will be reviewed consistent with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan and applicable provisions of the Kittitas County Code.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [\[help\]](#)

Please see the response to question 3.a.2 above.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

Please see the response to question 3.a.2 above.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

Floodplains exist throughout the Kittitas County rural areas. Most exist along major rivers and tributaries.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [\[help\]](#)

Please see the response to question 3.a.2 above

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal will not withdraw or discharge to groundwater. Future project specific development proposals within the study areas that may impact groundwater will be reviewed consistent with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan and applicable provisions of the Kittitas County Code.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [\[help\]](#)

Please see the response to question 3.b.1 above.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal will not withdraw or discharge to stormwater or produce additional surface water runoff.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)
Please see the response to question 3.d. above.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to result in impacts to surface, ground or runoff water. No mitigating measures are proposed.

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

___deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

___evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

___shrubs

___grass

___pasture

___crop or grain

___ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

___ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

___water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

___other types of vegetation

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal will not remove or alter vegetation. Future project specific development proposals within the study areas that may remove or alter vegetation will be reviewed consistent with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan and applicable provisions of the Kittitas County Code.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to result in impacts to vegetation. No mitigating measures are proposed. Future project-specific development proposals will be reviewed pursuant to SEPA and the County Environmental Policy (KCC Title 15) to identify potential environmental impacts and applicable mitigating measures.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to result in impacts to vegetation. No mitigating measures are proposed. Future project-specific development proposals will be reviewed pursuant to SEPA and the County Environmental Policy (KCC Title 15) to identify potential environmental impacts and applicable mitigating measures.

5. Animals

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include: [\[help\]](#)

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish,

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal will not impact wildlife.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No policies or regulation are in the proposal that would affect the use of solar energy

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?

If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to cause environmental health hazards. Use of any hazardous materials on a project-by-project basis would be subject to federal and state law and

the County Building Code (KCC Title 14).

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.
- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.
Please see response 7.a above.
- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
Please see response 7.a above.
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
As a non-project action, the proposal will not result in increased environmental health hazards.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)
Kittitas County is primarily a rural county with very low noise levels that would be expected in a rural environment. Existing noise levels in the study areas range from very low levels in undeveloped rural lands to noise levels typical to small communities and along highways and arterials.
- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. [\[help\]](#)
Uses may be allowed that might create higher noise levels which would be reviewed at time of specific project proposal.
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)
As a non-project action, no measures are proposed to reduce or control noise within the proposed amendments.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)
As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated,

how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

Please see answer 8 b. above.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

There is no "site" to this proposal. All shoreline designations existing throughout the County will remain and will not be changed by this proposed for amendment.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal. Critical areas impacts will be examined with a site specific proposal.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable as a non-project proposal

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable as a non-project proposal

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable as a non-project proposal

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

All proposed changes to the Code are compatible with the existing County Comprehensive Plan.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#)

The proposal is a non-project action that does not include any proposed structures.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

The proposal is a non-project action that will not alter or obstruct views.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

The proposal is a non-project action that would not directly produce light and glare or be affected by light.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

See response to Question 11.a, above

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

See response to Question 11.a, above

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action, the proposal would not displace existing recreational uses.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

The proposal would not displace existing recreational uses.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

As a non-project action, the proposal is not expected to impact historic or cultural features and no mitigation is proposed.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

This non-project proposal would not generate vehicular trips or require any additional parking spaces.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#)

No

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

The non-project proposal would not generate vehicular trips.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

The non-project proposal would not directly result in an increased need for public services.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

Not Applicable.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [\[help\]](#)

As a non-project action the question is not applicable to the proposal.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Name of signee Robert "Doc" Hansen

Position and Agency/Organization Planning Official, Kittitas County

Date Submitted: February 10, 2015

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[help\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

No significant increase in discharge to water, emissions to air, production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise should result from the implementation of these proposed amendments to the Kittitas County Code. The proposed amendment allowing more uses within the Light Industrial classified lands within Urban areas would not create uses that would be more detrimental than uses now permitted or allowed, and each proposed action would require SEPA evaluation. Changes in the Code which permit the use of cisterns more liberally than now might decrease discharge of water to the environment though such increase would not be measurable and definitely not significant.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

No mitigation measures are considered necessary since increases are not expected.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposed amendments to the Kittitas County Code and Comprehensive Plan are not likely to affect plants, animals, or marine life over what already occurs under current County Regulations. The proposed amendments do not include new uses or changes that would result in a significant impact upon plants, animals, fish or marine life. The more liberal use of cisterns in the County might increase single family development in some spots but not significantly. The use of cisterns would increase traffic of large trucks moving water to the cistern structure.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Proposed amendments to the Kittitas County Code will not deplete energy or natural resources. No amendments to mining or forestry regulations are proposed that would cause the depletion of those natural resources. No new high energy demand uses are proposed.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Proposed amendments to the Code are not anticipated to impact sensitive areas since many of the

existing Light Industrial classified areas are either now used by uses with have removed such areas of environmental sensitivity, or will be subject to new environmental regulations that protect such sensitive areas. Uses that will be allowed in the Light Industrial zones are compatible with activities that already in these particular areas.

The allowance of cisterns will not affect environmentally sensitive areas since the cisterns will only provide water needed for an existing or proposed dwelling unit. Any new development will be subject to existing environmental codes.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed amendments do not alter shoreline uses or regulations. All new uses proposed in areas that are subject to the Shorelines regulations will have to meet code and policy. Lands zoned "Light Industrial" now permit land uses that are similar to new landuse that will be allowed.

The use of cisterns will not impact the land use or shoreline use that is now unallowed.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None are proposed within this action.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

No significant increases in demands on transportation or public services and utilities should result from the implementation of proposed amendments in the Kittitas County Code. New allowed uses would not significantly increase the traffic that now exists. Any proposal that would create a potential significant increase in traffic will be SEPA interpretation.

The allowance of cisterns as a water source will not increase demands upon traffic.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None are proposed.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposed changes to the Code will not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The purpose of the proposed amendments is to allow for uses within identified industrial areas similar to surrounding uses which is one of the purposes and objectives of the Growth Management Act. The allowance of cisterns will be subject to WAC 246-290 and any federal laws that govern cistern activity.