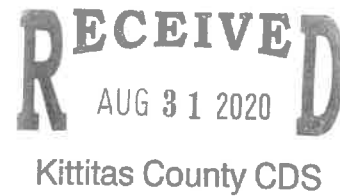


August 31, 2020

Director,

**Kittitas County Public Works
411 N Ruby ST, Suite 1
Ellensburg WA 98926**



RE: Brown & Jackson SE20-00003

land parcel is 295134 Sewage Dump Ponds

Dear Director,

This project IS NOT URGENT and THERE IS NO NEED for another sewage dump site in the lower county. The existing dump site is still in operation and should continue to be used. The current dump site has no residences within miles. The proposed site is amongst residences that will be adversely affected.

It should be noted that there are resident reports stating that dumping has already occurred at the site and the ponds have not yet been excavated. Are there fines being issued for that? How can residents feel comfortable that the County will enforce compliance? As this company snubs/fights even the screen size requirements at the current dump site. Does the County really believe that they will abide by any such regulation when dumping on their own private site? They are proving that right before our eyes, by dumping on open land before the construction is even approved. I do not understand how the County can allow this project to be approved.

The citizens affected by this project have a right to a safe and healthy environment. I believe that this project does exactly the opposite. Plus, it will add hundreds of heavy trucks to the local rural roads. Are these roads designed for that level of heavy loads during the spring thaw.

I URGENTLY REQUEST that the county stop the approval of this project. I do not believe the project was vetted thoroughly enough through local residents. I believe that a project of this health significance calls for direct resident notification, via mail.

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This property is coded "Wetland PEMC" (copy follows for reference) on the county's property listing and is not so stated in the Engineers' Report. Additionally, the EPA should be requested to examine the site and report back before approval. Is there an EPA report? Is it published publicly?

The Engineers' Report identifies disking/ tillable crop areas that are full of rocks too large for disking without mention in the report. That to me, puts that report in serious question. The application or report states a distance from the pond to Parke Creek being 300 feet. However, using the drawing scale on the report proves that it is only 100+/- ft from the creek closest to nearest pond. These creeks become one when the floods come with the spring thaw. Has anyone from the County inspected the site vs Engineers' report for accuracy? The County has engineers that can and should verify these proposals.? Applicants should be required to provide an AutoCad copy of submitted drawings. If so, that drawing should be made accessible to the public. There are free online applications that would allow the public's review in a larger scale. They do not need the actual program to read the file. The drawing can be locked from editing ability, but still be scalable.

The sewage is also to be dumped/spread on open land. Residents will undoubtedly be exposed to the toxic fumes and odors. Just looking at the areas proposed for tilling one can see that that isn't plausible.

There is also the probability of spillage into the seasonal creek and Parke Creek and the irrigation canal due to seepage or flooding. What is the floodplain exposure? I did not see either of these mentioned or shown as overlays in the Engineers' Report. The county has GIS information that could be overlaid as well.

It is hard to imagine how our County would consider this an appropriate use location; or the need of a second open pit dump site in the lower county. The permit proposal also leaves open unacceptable future expansion.

This property is coded "Wetland PEMC" on the County's property listing.

Parke Creek floods. The PEMC confirms that. We live on Parke Creek and have experienced it firsthand. It has even flowed into our garage. What does the County propose we do when the floods empty the ponds that would carry this very unhealthy sewage to all the properties along the creek?

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The PEMC does not include the hazards associated with the toxic fumes that will be put off by the sewage. Description for code **PEMC** :

P System PALUSTRINE: The Palustrine System includes all nontidal wetlands dominated by trees, shrubs, emergents, mosses or lichens, and all such wetlands that occur in tidal areas where salinity due to ocean derived salts is below 0.5 ppt. Wetlands lacking such vegetation are also included if they exhibit all of the following characteristics: 1. are less than 8 hectares (20 acres); 2. do not have an active wave-formed or bedrock shoreline feature; 3. have at low water a depth less than 2 meters (6.6 feet) in the deepest part of the basin; 4. have a salinity due to ocean-derived salts of less than 0.5 ppt.
Subsystem :

EM Class EMERGENT: Characterized by erect, rooted, herbaceous hydrophytes, excluding mosses and lichens. This vegetation is present for most of the growing season in most years. These wetlands are usually dominated by perennial plants.

Subclass :

Modifier(s):

C WATER REGIME Seasonally Flooded: Surface water is present for extended periods especially early in the growing season, but is absent by the end of the growing season in most years. The water table after flooding ceases is variable, extending from saturated to the surface to a water table well below the ground surface.

The pit containment perimeter area is approximately 50 ft uphill on the eastside of Parke Creek. Not 300 ft as specified elsewhere. The Engineers' test pit data report states "24" of topsoil and then broken round gravel to 120 ft in this area with no liner indicated. It seems to me that this will allow seepage onto Parke Creek.

Response Requested.

Respectfully,



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Affected Property Owner