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Dear Ms. Bacon:

We are writing in opposition to the proposed land usage by Brown and Jackson on tax parcel 295134. The creation of two sewage ponds on this parcel is incompatible with the current land use. While the land is currently zoned Ag 20, which implies a strictly agricultural usage, the surrounding areas have become predominantly residential. Hundreds of families would be negatively impacted by the placement of these sewage ponds so near to their residences.

We are aware that proposed land use changes are often met with NIMBY (not in my back yard) resistance. In this case, we believe the resistance is justified because of the associated putrid smells, aerosol pollution, water contamination, and decreased land values to neighboring properties.

Further, Brown and Jackson has access to an already established and regulated Kittitas County sewage receiving facility at Rye Grass so another location is not needed to meet the needs of county residents.

We believe that rezoning some areas of the eastern areas into more "residential usages" of the county should be considered. The eastern portions of the county are often seen as areas of "just sage brush". These generalizations are untrue. Significant residential growth east of Ellensburg has occurred within the past ten years. On our road (Sunset) five new homes have been developed this year. In the Sage Hills community, several new homes have broken ground this summer. The addition of two sewage ponds in this location is completely incompatible with the residential growth this area of the county is experiencing.

Finally, let's consider ongoing management of these two sewage dump

sites if allowed to operate. How would the neighboring properties be protected from their ground and surface water being contaminated? From putrid smells? Who would determine what gets dumped into the ponds without benefit of public oversight? Who would be financially responsible to mitigate accidental dumps or overruns?

We encourage denial of this application by the county because of the potential health risks, water and air contamination, and the incompatibility with the residential nature of the area. There is no "upside" for residents if this application is approved -- only negative consequences.

Sincerely,

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