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Rachael Stevie  
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RE: 202203977, SE-22-00060

Dear Rachael Stevie,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance for the White Single Family Residence and Attached Garage. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Groundwater Exempt Uses

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Christopher Kossik** at (509) 379-1826 or email at [christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov).

## **WATER QUALITY**

### **Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site**

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

If you decide that your project does not need to acquire an NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit, and the project has a discharge to waters of the state. There is a potential that this could result in a RCW 90.48 violation. This violation carries the potential of a penalty of up to \$10,000 per day, per violation.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact Wendy Neet at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 571-6733, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,

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