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Stacey Henderson City of Ellensburg Community Development Dept. 501 N. Anderson Street Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SEPA Register 202106134, P21-133

Dear Stacey Henderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Determination of Non Significance for the Anderson Road Sewer Extension Project. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comments.

TOXICS CLEAN-UP

A portion of the proposed Anderson Road Sewer Extension Project will intersect a known contaminated site that contains hazardous substances as defined in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapters 173-340 WAC and 90.105D RCW. This site, located at 200 S. Railroad Avenue, is listed in Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List as Smith Kem Ellensburg Inc. (FSID# 12832256, CSID# 4257) and is currently undergoing remedial action under an agreed order with the Department of Ecology.

Contaminated soils and groundwater may be encountered that may pose an exposure risk to workers and the environment. In accordance with the MTCA, any contaminated material must be managed to prevent exposure risk to human health and the environment as well as be properly disposed of at a permitted landfill.

The contaminants of concern that may be encountered include nitrate, nitrite, pesticides and herbicides, and petroleum hydrocarbons.

The attached site diagram depicts the approximate extent of contamination. The diagram also shows the locations of compliance monitoring wells installed for assessing groundwater to demonstrate the effectiveness of the remedial action.

Please consult with Ecology to avoid or mitigate potential impacts to the ongoing remedial action

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at this site. Ecology may collect samples during the dates of expected work. Note that any wells that are damaged will need to be replaced.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Toxics Clean-up comments, please contact **Valerie Bound** at (509) 454-7886 or email at <u>valerie.bound@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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