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Colleda Monick
City of Yakima
129 North 2nd Street
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Re: SEPA#038-17

Dear Ms. Monick:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the extension of Bravo Company Blvd, proposed by City of Yakima Engineering Division. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has conducted a preliminary desk review of the site. Potential wetland habitat was noted within the swale along Interstate 82. National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data suggest this area contains emergent wetland habitat. Soils in the area of swale consists a classified hydric soil (181-Weirman sandy loam, channeled; <http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov>).

Per, The City's response to Item 3 on the SEPA Checklist, "The project site is also adjacent to and runs through another area classified as potential riverine upper perennial wetland. We believe these potential wetlands are not wetlands based on our 2015 wetland survey which shows that the potential wetlands are inland to known uplands." Please provide a copy of the 2015 wetland report to the Ecology for review and comment.

If it has not already been done, Ecology recommends all wetlands on the site be delineated using the 1989 federal wetlands delineation methodology and the appropriate regional supplement to determine the extent of wetlands. All wetlands located within 200 feet of the project must be rated using the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington: 2014 Update (Ecology Publication No. 14-06-030), in order to determine required buffer widths surrounding each wetland habitat.



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Placement of fill in wetlands may require an individual or general (nationwide) permit from the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers (Corps). We advise the applicant to contact the Corps to determine if a permit is needed.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact **Lori White** at (509) 575-2616 or email at lori.white@ecy.wa.gov.

TOXICS CLEAN-UP

The project area contains two sites involved in separate formal legal processes leading to cleanup—the Boise Cascade Mill Site, Ecology Facility/Site ID # 450, Cleanup Site ID # 12095, Agreed Order # DE 13959, and the Interstate 82 Exit 33A Yakima City Landfill Site, Ecology Facility/Site ID # 1927, Cleanup Site ID # 3853, Agreed Order # 15861. No actions should be permitted at these sites which would interfere with the site assessment and/or cleanup actions addressed under these formal actions.

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 valerie.bound@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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