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Re: P17-076

Dear Mr. Kesler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the Ellensburg Love's Tire Shop Improvement project. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

TOXICS CLEAN-UP

The facility addressed in this proposal is a known (or suspected) contaminated site on Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminant Sites List, Ecology Facility/Site ID #18911356; TCP Cleanup Site IDs #5649 and 11732. Hazardous substances may be present at the site in amounts and/or concentrations likely to affect human health or the environment. Site cleanup may be required in the future by Ecology under the Model Toxics Control Act. Site characterization and/or cleanup may be desirable prior to site alteration or development.

This site contains, or may contain, petroleum contamination. Petroleum is defined by the Model Toxics Control Act as a hazardous substance. Releases that occur or are discovered must be reported to Ecology. Cleanup of petroleum contaminated soils (PCS) should be conducted in accordance with guidelines set forth by the department in Publication 91-30, Guidance for Remediation of Releases from Underground Storage Tanks (Department of Ecology, July 1991) and in Chapter 173-340 WAC. This guidance is appropriate whether or not the petroleum originated from an underground storage tank release. This information should be shared with the proponent.

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.

WATER QUALITY

This project is in the Upper Yakima watershed, which has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Water Quality Improvement program addressing water quality limitations for suspended sediment,



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turbidity and organochlorine pesticides. Additionally, Reecer Creek has impaired water body listings (303(d) listings) for bacteria and temperature. Both the unnamed pond (20 feet from project site) and Reecer Creek (300 feet from project site) must be protected from further degradation, as they are both classified as waters of the state. Project planning, development, and use of the site needs to include water quality protection.

The technical memo included in the SEPA application package states that storm drainage from the site currently appears to drain partially into Reecer Creek and the unnamed pond. Note that the entire Love's Truck Stop property has been subject to flooding in the past, often following rain-on-snow events. Care must be taken during project construction to prevent any water pollution from the proposed project from entering either the pond or Reecer Creek.

If you have any questions concerning the above Water Quality comments, please contact **Jane Creech** via email at jane.creech@eyc.wa.gov or (509) 454-7860.

Sincerely,



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