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Mr. Glen Sagdal
Tree Top Northern Area Wastewater Manager
Technical Center
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RE: Tree Top Selah Wastewater Truck Hauling to the Yakima Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility – Permit No. WA0002437

Dear Mr. Sagdal:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is aware of Tree Top Selah's desire to haul up to 100,000 gal/day of partially treated wastewater from lagoon cell #3 to the City of Yakima Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) for additional treatment. The trucking is projected to occur until the end of March 2017 or until the Tree Top Selah Facility can utilize its sprayfields.

Currently, due to low temperatures and un-melted snow, Tree Top Selah's sprayfields cannot be used for wastewater treatment. The Yakima's POTW has the capacity to treat Tree Top's wastewater and this effort may prevent a stoppage of production. From Ecology's understanding, neither the wastewater's flow nor its approximate concentration of 100 to 200 mg/L BOD5 should negatively impact Yakima's POTW treatment ability or capacity.

Therefore, as long as the City of Yakima agrees to accept the wastewater from Tree Top Selah, Ecology approves this temporary diversion of wastewater treatment from the Tree Top Selah facility to the Yakima POTW.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Matt Durkee at (509) 575-2821 or matthew.durkee@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Water Quality Program

cc: Mike Price, City of Yakima
Gary Price, Tree Top

