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Trevor Martin
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RE: 202305593; SEPA#2023-0200

Dear Trevor Martin:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Mitigated Determination of Non Significance Addendum process for Pacific Ag Digester. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has the following comments.

Water Quality – Industrial Stormwater

Please assess your site's stormwater discharges to surface and ground water and determine if an NPDES Industrial Stormwater General Permit is required for this business.

Please read the 2019 Eastern Washington Stormwater Management Manual (EWSWMM) best management practice (BMP) S412E¹ on page 961: BMPs for Loading and Unloading Areas for Liquid or Solid Material. Please design your raw materials receiving bay according to the structural requirements on page 966 found under the heading “Applicable Structural Source Control BMPs At All Loading/Unloading Areas”.

If stormwater will be infiltrating to ground, new construction of stormwater infiltration BMPs need to comply with the nine site suitability criteria outlined in the EWSWMM, starting on page 330 of the EWSWMM. Infiltration BMPs must be preceded by a pretreatment BMP, such as a pre-settling basin, to reduce the occurrence of plugging.

Questions on industrial stormwater can be directed to Kevin Dolan at 509-575-2434 or kdol461@ecy.wa.gov.

Water Quality – Construction Stormwater

If your project anticipates disturbing ground with the potential for stormwater discharge off-site, the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit is recommended. 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.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1810044.html>

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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.

In the event that an unpermitted Stormwater discharge does occur off-site, it is a violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control and is subject to enforcement action.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>.

Questions on construction stormwater can be directed to Lloyd Stevens, Jr. at 509-571-3866 or llst461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy Espinoza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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