



Input on Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Study

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I am a third generation dairy farmer, passing the farm on to a fourth generation. I am a veteran of our armed forces as well as a veteran police officer. Over the years we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship by carefully managing farm operations and ultimately passing state inspections. We adhere to science based NRCS standards through our farm plans that are routinely inspected by the WSDA. We have implemented and complied with these standards, which has been time consuming and costly. The release of the EPA report and related legal action has created much anxiety in our community. It has caused unnecessary stress on families, financial pain, and has devalued personal property. I am very disappointed in the action of the EPA pressuring the four families to sign a consent order based on flawed science and a faulty investigation. I also question the integrity of the EPA as an organization whose purpose is to obtain accurate information for the well-be

ing of the of American population. I feel that the steps and actions taken by the EPA have not upheld with the American values. We will continue to operate our farm with sound science and research. I ask that you drop the actions against the four families and continue working with us on the Ground Water Management Act in Yakima County in order to determine where the nitrate issue originates.