



Input on Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Study
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This report has so much bad data i don't even know where to start. You only know the depth of 30% of the wells. Meaning you don't know where the water is coming from. you didn't test each well against its own septic system to rule it out. In your claiming that dairy hows are the largest source of nitrogen in the valley is insane. You didn't even try to find out how much commercial nitrogen is being trucked in every year being applied to cropland all over the valley. It doesn't take a 2 year study to figure out that this nitrate problem is a legacy problem and every farm in this valley has contributed to this problem. the only way to fix this is to teach all farmers the best management practices to mitigate the risk of nitrate leaching into the ground water. By doing this the contamination will fix its self. It makes me sick that you have blamed those dairies and gave them a consent order that is so insane that not a single dairy can comply to your demands and stay in business.

There is a saying if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. Right now you are the biggest part of the problem.