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Office of Environmental Assessment (OEA)
Attn: Carol Harrison
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RE: NRCS Comments - Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Study

Dear Ms. Harrison:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is submitting comments for consideration regarding the Lower Yakima Valley Nitrate Study.

NRCS national discipline specialists for nutrient management and agricultural waste management have reviewed the study report and provided comments regarding the methodologies, procedures and findings in the study. Their comments are provided in attachments two and three.

In addition to our national discipline specialists comments, state staff have provide a few additional comments which are provided in attachment one.

NRCS hopes that these comments are helpful in finalizing the study. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any question.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bonda Habets in black ink.

Bonda Habets
State Resource Conservationist

Handwritten signature of Lawrence A. Johnson, P.E. in black ink.

Lawrence A. Johnson, P.E.
State Conservation Engineer

Attachments (3)

cc: Roylene Rides-at-the-Door, State Conservationist