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Mr. Bob Ziegler
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Re: Burns Pump Station Maintenance Dredge, File # 11-102

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the proposal to remove 125 cubic yards of sediment from the intake area of a pump station and future maintenance dredging as needed, File No. 11-102 (Proponent-Rodney L. Burns). The Department of Ecology has reviewed the documents and would like to submit the following comments:

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program-Shorelines

Dredging will require some form of shoreline authorization from the Franklin County Planning and Building Department. From the information supplied, it appears that a normal repair and maintenance shoreline exemption from the substantial development permit might be appropriate. Please contact the Franklin County Planning and Building Department at (509) 545-3521.

The applicant should contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle at (206) 764-3495 to determine whether or not a federal Clean Water Act Permit is required.

Section 401 Water Quality Certification may be required from the Department of Ecology in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' permit for this project. Please contact Michael Maher at (509) 329-3584 for additional information.

All dredge spoils must be transported to an approved upland disposal site outside of Shoreline Jurisdiction which is 200 feet landward from the ordinary high water mark of the Columbia River.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program-Floodplains

Question 3.a.5. of the SEPA Checklist for this proposal is incomplete and does not identify work taking place within the 100-year floodplain, however the JARPA states the project area is within the floodplain. If any part of the proposed project involves development (which includes dredging) within

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the Special Flood Hazard Area, a Floodplain Development Permit must be issued by Franklin County. Please contact the County for information about this permit.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

The SEPA Checklist (Checklist) for this proposal is incomplete. A Checklist is required to be completed and accompany the Determination of Nonsignificance when it's distributed. Agencies and the general public rely on the information in the Checklist to identify potential environmental impacts and mitigation and to determine if approvals are needed. Therefore, it's important that the SEPA Lead Agency ensures the information in the Checklist is complete and accurate.

Ecology's comments are based upon the information submitted for review. As such, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

Sincerely,



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