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Bob Zeigler, SEPA Coordinator
Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capital Way North
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Re: DNS12-060

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Chester Butte Shrub Steppe Restoration. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

Toxics Clean-up

Based upon the historical agricultural use of this land, there is a possibility the soil contains residual concentrations of pesticides. Ecology recommends that the soils be sampled and analyzed for lead and arsenic and for organochlorine pesticides. If these contaminants are found at concentrations above the MTCA clean-up levels Ecology recommends that potential buyers be notified of their occurrence.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Toxics Clean-up comments, please contact **Valerie Bound** at (509) 454-7886.

Sincerely,

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