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**Subject:** SEPA DNS 25-007 ROYAL GRASS CARP - Yakima County  
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Dear Hector Casique – WA DOE,

Thank you for your comment on the SEPA DNS 25-007: ROYAL GRASS CARP – Yakima County. I appreciate you informing us that the pond to be stocked with Grass Carp, as per the permit application, is on property with sections that were historically occupied by orchard and likely exposed to the pesticide lead arsenate. We understand that shallow soils may have concentrations of lead and arsenic as a result. The pond to be stocked has long been established and no expansion of the pond is planned or requested in the application, so no soils will be disturbed. Grass Carp are to be stocked at a low rate to avoid increasing sediment/turbidity within the pond.

As per your comment, I will pass this information on to the applicant/landowner and refer them to the contacts you provided at:

Precautions you can take to reduce exposure, is available at Ecology’s Dirt Alert Website. Please contact Hector Casique, Project Manager, at (509) 208-1288 or email [hector.casique@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:hector.casique@ecy.wa.gov), if you have additional questions. For more information about Healthy Action on former orchard lands contact Tina Wilson, Education and Community outreach, at 509-208-4383 or email [tina.wilson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tina.wilson@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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