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**Subject:** RE: ECY SEPA 16-3459 - Weaver Creek Realignment - Comments  
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Ms. Mendoza,

Thank you for Ecology's comments for the Weaver Creek Realignment Project. The following are our responses to your comments:

**Shorelands & Environmental Assistance:** We have applied to the US Army Corps of Engineers for a project permit. They have advised us that this project activity will fall under a programmatic permit.

**Water Quality:** The area of clearing, grading and excavation is smaller than one acre in size, and the work site will be isolated by earthen plugs at both ends of the proposed channel excavation. The project area is flat, has a high infiltration rate, and is completely surrounded with tall grass. The project will be conducted in a manner to contain all sediments within the grass buffer and prevent sedimentation to surface waters. After completion of all other construction activities, the earthen plugs will be slowly removed in accordance with special conditions of programmatic biological evaluation (PBE) concurrence and prevent sedimentation exceeding water quality standards. The project area is an abandoned farm field vegetated with tall grass, there are no known soil or ground water contaminants present on-site.

We believe this environmental restoration/salmon habitat restoration project will not be a significant contributor of pollutants to the State of Washington due to the proposed manner of construction, and we reasonably expect the construction will not cause a violation of any water quality standard. We have specifically planned this project to comply with water quality standards and fall below the threshold of activities that will require a Construction Stormwater General Permit. If you do not agree, please advise and we will obtain the permit.

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Ms. Wood,

Attached are Ecology's comments for the Weaver Creek Realignment Project (Ecology SEPA No. 16-3459). This is the original final copy. Comments are due today 7/13/16.

**Please reply to this message for confirmation.**

*\*Please use the correct acronym “**ECY**” for the Department of Ecology (DOE is US Department of Energy).\**

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