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Tua Vang
Yakima County Planning Division
128 North 2nd Street
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Yakima, WA 98901

Re: SEPA Register 202104631, LRN2021-00001, SEP2021-00010

Dear Tua Vang:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Non Significance for the Town of Naches Emergency UGA Amendment. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

TOXICS CLEAN-UP

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposal.

Historical aerial photos indicate parcels within your proposal are located on property that was occupied by orchard during the time period when lead arsenate was applied as a pesticide, often resulting in shallow soil contamination from lead and/or arsenic. Before developing these properties from agricultural to residential, the developer will be required to conduct soil sampling under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 173-340 WAC).

If sampling indicates elevated levels of lead and arsenic, cleanup will be required prior to occupancy. The Department of Ecology now has Model Remedies for lead and arsenic pesticide contamination in historical orchards of Central Washington. A Focus Sheet on the Model Remedies can be found at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2109007.pdf>

Compliance with a Model Remedy ensures that a project meets the minimum standards of the Model Toxics Control Act, and if implemented as described, your property will be successfully cleaned up to Washington State standards.

Ecology can provide free initial sampling as well as free technical assistance.

Please contact **Jeff Newschwander**, Project Manager, at (509) 388-5223, for further information or to schedule sampling.

Sincerely,

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