

May 31, 2005

Mr. Dvija Michael Bertish, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Bertish:

Thank you for your public comment letter received on December 15, 2004, regarding Washington State's Water Quality Assessment for 2002/2004. The department received over 45 comment letters during this last review process and is appreciative of the time you took to review and comment on this assessment. We realize that there is an extensive amount of information in the Water Quality Assessment. The scrutiny given by you and other public reviewers has resulted in many changes and corrections that improved the accurateness of the final submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Water Quality Assessment is being submitted to EPA as an "integrated report" to meet the Clean Water Act requirements of sections 305(b) and 303(d). EPA will only take approval action on Category 5 of the assessment, which represents the state's 303(d) list. The Water Quality Assessment can be viewed at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/index.html>.

We received the additional data that you submitted as a part of sampling done by the Rosemere Neighborhood Association in Burnt Bridge Creek. However, because the cutoff date for data submittals was March 15, 2004 we are unable to use this data for the 2004 listing process. We have placed this data into our files to be considered for the 2006 listing process. We appreciate your continued involvement in water quality efforts for your watershed.

If you have questions regarding the above response, or would like further clarification, please feel free to call me at 360-407-6414.

Sincerely,



Susan Braley
Unit Supervisor
Watershed Management Section