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Dear members of the 303(d) water quality assessment team:

The Kittitas County Water Purveyors, a non-profit consortium comprised of the main irrigation districts in Kittitas County, continue to be gravely concerned with the inclusion of irrigation waterways on the Washington State 303(d) list. Per Ecology's website, "The 303(d) list comprises those waters that are in the polluted water category, for which beneficial uses— such as drinking, recreation, aquatic habitat, and industrial use – are impaired by pollution." The so-called pollutants identified in the current assessment do not in any way impair the beneficial use of irrigation water, and should therefore not be included in the assessment.

For instance, listing #50664 (incorrectly labeled on your maps and assessment materials as Wipple Wasteway), had "excursions" for pH on 4 of 13 sample dates in 2000, with no excursions in 2001. This segment of the Kittitas Reclamation District's Turbine Ditch Canal has NO connection to natural waterways, and there is no impairment to any irrigation use.

Another example is listing #50704, which again notes a total of four excursions for pH in 2000 (3) and 2001 (1). This segment of the Cascade Irrigation District canal is a few hundred yards long, and is the irrigation diversion from the Yakima River. That is, the water in the designated reach is coming directly from the river. Further, throughout the listed stretch, there is no connection to any natural waterways.

If you have any doubt about the nonsensical nature of these and other listings, my board of directors and I are happy to work with you, answer further questions, or take you to visit some of the sites on the 303(d) list that we feel should not be included on a list of impaired waterbodies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments, and the serious thought I trust you'll put into removing irrigation waterways from the 303(d) list where the so-called impairment has no interaction with natural waterways.

Warm regards,

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