DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

to Washington State Dept. of Ecology

Dear Jonathon Jennings,

I am writing to you concerning the new Cafo proposal.

Concern #1: all three of my Lagoons were engineered by our local conservation Service and built accordingly to their specs.

Concern #2 all dairies are inspected by Wash Dept of Ag. and we make corrections as needed (example: curbing of slab area, divert rain water etc.) We don't need 2 agencies inspecting us.

Concern #3 Soil testing at 3 Feet is impractical. Our crops utilize the nutrients we put on. We record the yields coming off the fields and the manure going on the fields is recorded. My crop production is steadily declining. I do not use commercial fertilizer. I could actually use more cows and more manure on the property I own. We do Fall nitrate soil testing - which is like a report card on how our Farm is doing.

Concern #3 — 35 Foot buffers are too big. Maybe in April and October its OK. but →

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May through September the soil is warm and the grass is growing so the ~~soil~~ nutrients are being used up by the crops we grow.

Also we pay property taxes on this expensive Land so we need to utilize it to stay in business.

Concern # 4 Do you want to run all the dairies out of the state? I think that would be a mistake.

Feel Free to call me

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