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Department of Ecology,

The time has come to REDUCE the regulations on control of Stormwater in Eastern Washington and not to add more burdens to already financially strapped Counties and taxpayers. Funding the Stormwater program in Asotin County has become the most onerous problem we have to deal with in Asotin County. I have never seen so many angry citizens in all of my public life. It is ridiculous to force the taxpayers in Asotin County to pay \$800,000 annually to prevent the illicit discharge of stormwater in to the Snake River from arid Asotin County.

At the same time Asotin County is laying off personnel in the Sheriff's Department, the Auditor's Office, the Assessor's Office, the Building & Planning Department, and the Youth Commission, we are asking taxpayers in Asotin County to pay \$800,000 in fees to support a stormwater management program. Now is the time for DOE to reduce, not add, regulations and give citizen's in Eastern Washington time to weather the current recession. Government regulations in times like these are a job killer. I know that small voices get little attention when large governmental agencies are moving ahead with predetermined rule changes, but the time has come for DOE to hear the cries of small political entities in Eastern Washington. I assure you that people in Eastern Washington value clean air and clean water but let's be reasonable about how and when we accomplish these goals. If the goals are really that important, let the State and Federal Government put up the dollars to fund these onerous regulations and not pass on the fees to taxpayers who are already struggling to stay afloat in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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