From:	Donald O"Malley
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From: **Donald O'Malley** <omalleydm@cableone.net>
Date: Sat, Oct 22, 2011 at 10:57 AM
Subject: DOE STORMWATER REGULATIONS
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As I've stated in many letters referencing DOE Stormwater Regulations and their effect on Asotin County Washington, I cannot stress enough how our local officials have created a Utility bureaucracy with a big budget of $1,455,406.00 (copy attached). I am not aware of a stormwater problem of this magnitude in our County.

The Lewiston Morning Tribune (October 22, 2011) has an article on our county job "unemployment rate fall from 9.6 percent in August to 8.4 percent in September, likely picking up some in a late harvest" . It goes on to say that "Asotin County's number is released with Idaho,s because the economy of its biggest city, Clarkston, is so entwined with Lewiston". True, the industry, employment opportunities, and economy is in Idaho and not in Clarkston or Asotin County.

This is where the rub is. All the industry is in Idaho and Asotin County, with a population of 21,623 {Clarkston 7,174) and 3,243 below the poverty level can not support a million dollar utility to educate its population on stormwater. The mean household income is $41,190 with 2.4 people per household. We have no industry tax base to draw revenue.

I feel that a big mistake is being made by considering Asotin County Washington within an "Urban Growth Area" of Idaho, As far as stormwater is concerned. Idaho's stormwater has nothing to do with or a relationship with our County stormwater.

As the DOE studies new phase II regulations, I ask that you keep Asotin County in mind and the effect they will have on our struggling economy.

Respectfully submitted,

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