

## CITY OF ASOTIN

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Municipal Permit Comments  
Washington Dept. of Ecology  
Water Quality Program  
P. O. Box 47696  
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

RE: Phase II Stormwater Permitting

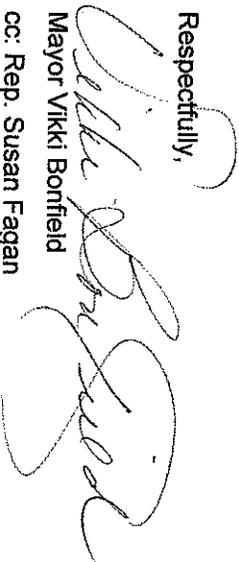
Dear Interested Persons:

After reviewing the proposed changes to the Phase II Stormwater regulations, we feel compelled to comment on how these changes will create an unreasonable burden on our community. We are a small community on the East side of the state. The state's position of "one size fits all" with the Stormwater regulations will impose an undue hardship to our strained budget. Our eastern Washington landscape, environment, and demographics are vastly different from the west side and it would be nonsensical to impose regulations that treat us as though we are the same.

An especially frustrating part of this whole process is that we are just in the beginning stages of implementing the original permit and will soon be faced with more requirements. We have just recently completed our O & M Plans, we are just now developing a contractor training program and are only in the discussion stages as to developing more outreach and education programs for our citizens. Given that we still have a long way to go in implementation of current requirements, the proposed changes become almost unfathomable for a community of our size and resources

To put it simply, if we are forced to comply with the proposed regulations, we will have to cut necessary items from our already lean budget and place a greater burden on our overworked (and very limited) staff. We trust that you will take our comments to heart and carefully reconsider the proposed Phase II Stormwater Regulations and the impact of those regulations on the communities on the East side of the State..

Respectfully,



Mike Bonfield  
Mayor Vikki Bonfield

cc: Rep. Susan Fagan

Rep. Joe Schmick

Sen. Mark Schoesler