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Dear Naomi Hansen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the La Center Middle School Project (2018-027-CUP) located at 2001 Northeast Lockwood Creek Road as proposed by La Center School District. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

**SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:
Zachary Meyer (360) 407-6167**

Placement of fill in wetlands may require an individual or general (nationwide) permit from the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers (Corps). The applicant should contact the Corps to determine if a permit is needed. If an individual Corps permit is required, a water quality certification will also be required from Ecology. If the wetland is determined to be isolated and not subject to the Corps jurisdiction, it remains a jurisdictional wetland for Ecology, and will require permitting by this agency.

Ecology recommends the applicant submit a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) to Corps and Ecology for review. Along with the JARPA, the applicant should also submit the wetland delineation report, wetland mitigation report, site plans and vicinity maps. The JARPA and the supporting documentation should be submitted to the following:

Seattle District Corps of Engineers
CENWS-OD-RG
PO Box 3755
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

Washington Department of Ecology
Attention Federal Permit Unit
PO Box 47600
Olympia WA 98504-7600
or email to: ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

For questions or technical assistance, please contact Ecology Wetlands/Shorelands Specialist, Zachary Meyer, via email at Zachary.Meyer@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 407-6167.

WATER RESOURCES: Opal Smitherman (360) 407-6859

All dewatering wells shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173-160 WAC by a driller licensed in the State of Washington. Well Report must be submitted to Ecology within 30 days of completion of the wells.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: Derek Rockett (360) 407-6287

All grading and filling of land must utilize only clean fill. All other materials may be considered solid waste and permit approval may be required from your local jurisdictional health department prior to filling. All removed debris resulting from this project must be disposed of at an approved site. Contact the local jurisdictional health department for proper management of these materials.

WATER QUALITY: Chris Montague-Breakwell (360) 407-6364

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres **and** discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more **and** discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
 - a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, **and** discharge to surface waters of the State; and
3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
 - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
 - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found;

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a site map depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted.

You may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/> - [Application](#). Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

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