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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

Description of proposal: A Type-2 land use application with an environmental review (SEPA) for the development of a new concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) within the Agriculture (AG) zoning district. The applicant proposes 6,000 calf hutches, 160 elementary corrals, 120 middle corrals, and 9 finishing corrals. The project is to be served by two wells, as shown on the submitted site plan. A one million gallon lined lagoon is proposed to capture stormwater and wastewater generated on site. Solid waste is proposed to be composted on a nine acre portion of the project area.

Proponent:
Wind Mill Estates
650 Hornby Road
Grandview, WA 98930

Representative:
Tim Bardell
B7 Engineering
PO Box 487
Sunnyside, WA 98944

Location of proposal: The property is located about 1 ½ miles east of Glade Road, about 1 mile southwest of State Route 22, approximately 1 ½ miles southeast of the City of Mabton. The CAFO is proposed on Parcel Nos. 230817-21001, 230808-33001 and 230818-11002.

Lead agency: Yakima County

Case No(s): CUP2015-00036/SEP2015-00015

EIS Required. The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c) and will be prepared. An environmental checklist or other materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at our offices.

The lead agency has identified the following areas of discussion in the EIS: (1) Impacts associated with the proposed groundwater withdrawals, including: aquifer drawdown affecting neighboring residential wells, municipal water supplies, impacts to irrigation water right holders, and impacts to instream flows of the Yakima River; (2) The potential impacts to groundwater quality and potable water sources as a result of the activities of this proposed CAFO operation.

Scoping. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. The method and deadline for giving us your comments is: written comments are due on August 31, 2015.

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Responsible Official: Lynn Deitrick, AICP
Planning Division Manager/Planning Official

Designee: Thomas Carroll
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Date: July 31, 2015 **Signature:** 
Thomas Carroll

State law prohibits SEPA appeals for permits that do not have an appeal option, consequently no administrative appeal is allowed (WAC 197-11-680(3)(v)). A judicial appeal that is heard by superior court can be pursued. **For information on the comment or appeal processes, or on other issues relating to this determination, contact Byron Gumz, Senior Project Environmental Planner, at (509) 574-2300.**

Encl.: Annotated Environmental Checklist