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March 4, 2016

Ms. Shirley A. Hindman
PO Box 200
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Re: Ground Water Application No. G3-30348

On, February 3, 2016 this office notified you that your Ground Water Application Number G3-30348 would be rejected unless you returned the *Statement of Intent Form ECY 070-424*, requesting a formal decision. This form was completed and received by Ecology on February 24, 2016, with the "Withdraw (Remove from Waiting List)" box checked.

Since you no longer have any interest, your application is hereby **REJECTED**.

Your Right To Appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the Order.

File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.

- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.
- You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW Ste 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

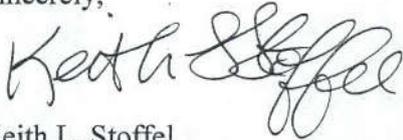


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For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov> . To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tolleson at 509-329-3526.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Stoffel
Section Manager
Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

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Enclosure: *Your Right to Be Heard*

By Certified Mail: 7015 0640 0003 6619 5610

cc: Richard Small, 11920 W Highway 12, Lowden, WA 99360

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Statement of Intent for Pending Application for a Water Right Permit

To determine continued interest in pursuing a decision on an existing application

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Department of Ecology
Eastern Washington Office

1. Application Number:

WATER RIGHT APPLICATION NO. (i.e. 1234, G3-01234, etc.) <i>G3-30348</i>
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2. Applicant Information:

If there is more than one applicant, please attach a separate sheet of paper to provide all other applicant's contact information.

APPLICANT/BUSINESS NAME	PHONE NO.	PHONE NO.
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
E-MAIL ADDRESS		

3. Intent: Check the Appropriate Box.

WITHDRAW (Remove from Waiting List)

I/We do NOT intend to pursue the above application for permit to appropriate public waters of the State. I/We hereby withdraw the application and understand it will NOT be evaluated for approval or denial, it will be removed from the waiting list and the file will be closed.

PROCEED (Requesting Formal Decision)

I/We are interested in pursuing the above application for permit to appropriate public waters of the State. I/We hereby request the application be evaluated for approval or denial, which is an appealable action.

4. Signatures: Attach additional signatures, if applicable.

I certify that I am the holder or authorized representative of the above water right application.

Shirley Hindman *Shirley Hindman* *2-15-16*
 PRINT NAME (Applicant or authorized representative) SIGNATURE DATE

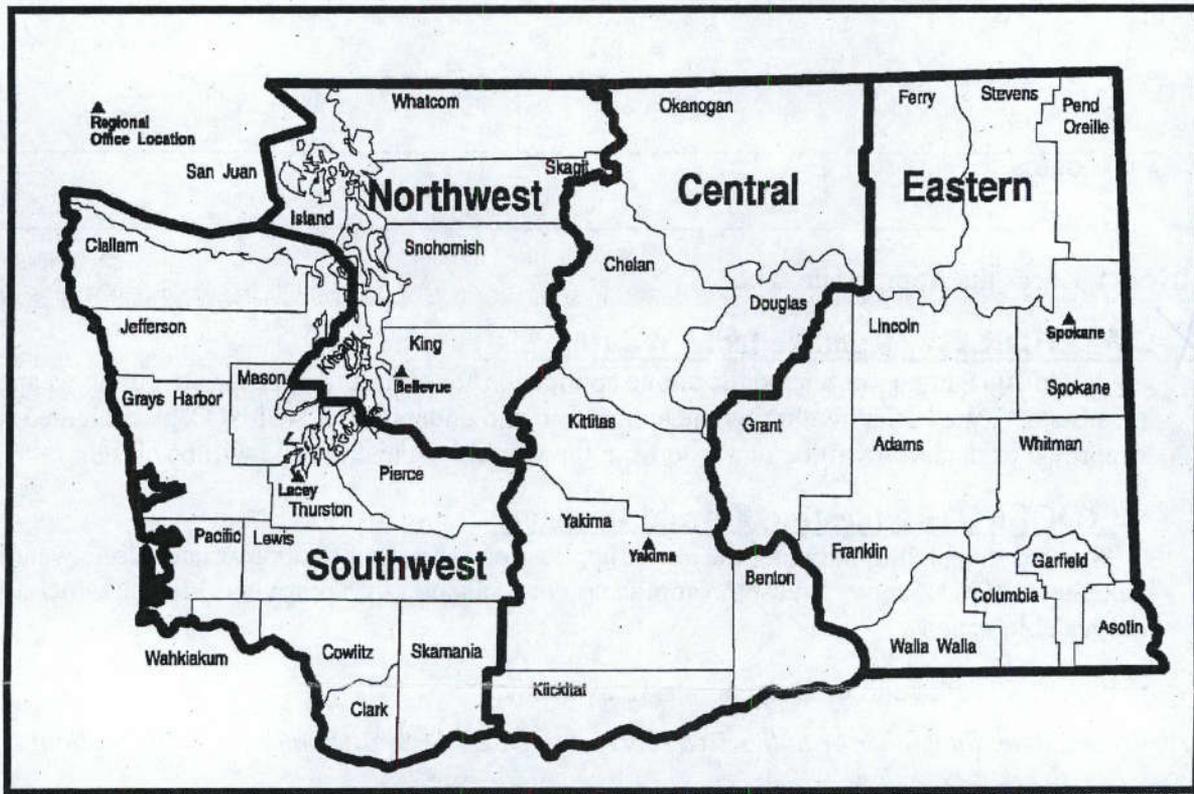
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Submit form: See reverse.

Submit this form to the Regional Office in which your project is located:

<p>Central Regional Office 15 W Yakima Avenue, Suite 200 Yakima, WA 98902 (509) 575-2490</p>	<p>Eastern Regional Office 4601 N. Monroe Street Spokane, WA 99205-1295 (509) 329-3400</p>
<p>Northwest Regional Office 3190 - 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008-5452 (425) 649-7000</p>	<p>Southwest Regional Office PO Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504-7775 (360) 407-6300</p>





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February 3, 2016

Mrs. Shirley A. Hindman
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Re: Application No. G3-30348 for a Water Right Permit

NOTICE – WATER RIGHT APPLICATION STATUS

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is currently in the process of reviewing applications we have on file for new water rights within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 32, the Walla Walla River Watershed. The Walla Walla River watershed is located within portions of Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. This letter and the enclosed Statement of Intent form are intended to give you the opportunity to inform Ecology whether or not you are still interested in pursuing your application for a new water right.

In September of 2007, Ecology adopted an amended water management rule for the Walla Walla River Basin (WAC 173-532). This rule closed the gravel aquifer within the Walla Walla River basin to all new appropriations. The only exception to this are projects that qualify as a non-consumptive environmental enhancement project. This closure is intended to protect habitat and existing water rights.

The USGS collected water level measurements on a number of basalt wells in the Walla Walla Basin starting in the late 1940s. Numerous basalt wells with measurements collected over several decades exhibited declining water levels. These declining trends suggested that groundwater use from these basalt wells exceeded available recharge and demonstrated that growth in certificated water use from this aquifer system was not advisable over the long term. Ecology has not issued new basalt well water rights in the Walla Walla Basin for many years because of these concerns.

On August 19, 2014, Ecology requested National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) input on new water appropriations. A response was received in a letter dated October 1, 2014, regarding the Snake River, the upper Columbia River, the middle Columbia River and their tributaries. They indicated that there are seven species of fish within these basins that are considered listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These basins have limited flows and often poor quality habitat that affect these ESA listed species. Currently, NMFS has a draft plan for recovery of these basins and has indicated that new consumptive water uses should be denied,

unless they have appropriate mitigation. Most of the Columbia River Basalt Group aquifers underlying the Walla Walla basin either discharge to the lower reaches of its associated tributary or are ultimately hydraulically connected to the Snake-Columbia River system. This fisheries recommendation for denial of new consumptive uses would affect any surface water applications within the watershed and most groundwater applications for new water rights.

Given all of the water availability concerns mentioned above, it appears that your application for a new water right within the Walla Walla River Watershed (WRIA 32) will in all likelihood be denied.

Your options are:

1. Mail the enclosed form back to us with the "WITHDRAW (Remove from Waiting List)" box checked. In this case, your application will be rejected and Ecology will close the file and remove it from the waiting list.
2. Mail the enclosed form back to us with the "PROCEED (Requesting Formal Decision)" box checked. In this case, Ecology must go through the lengthy process of making a formal decision (which could incur costs to you) and issuing a formal report, most likely recommending denial of the application, which is an appealable action pursuant to Chapter 43.21B310 RCW. This process includes a formal public notice and publication at your cost.
3. Do not return the form within 30 days of the date of the letter. In this case, Ecology will issue a formal order rejecting the application, which is an appealable action pursuant to Chapter 43.21B310 RCW. We will then close the file and remove it from the waiting list.

If you have any questions or need information please contact me at (509) 329-3526 or dantolleson@ecy.wa.gov. My mailing address is Department of Ecology, 4601 N. Monroe Street, Spokane, Washington 99205-1295.

Sincerely,



Dan Tolleson
Water Resources Program
Eastern Region Office

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Enclosure: Statement of Intent form and copy of Application

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