

Washington Farm Bureau

Please indicate main role.

Other: Please Describe
Agricultural Association

Do you work in Eastern or Western Washington?

Both

Is your work primarily in an urban or a rural area?

Rural

Are you interested in the guidance from a:

Statewide perspective

How familiar are you with the groundwater protection requirements of the Growth Management Act?

Very Familiar

Does your county or city employ a hydrogeologist or other groundwater professional?

Skip this question

Does your county or city map Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas?

Yes

Please share any concerns or opinions about the Guidance revision - What would you like to see changed or added? To provide more detailed answers, please use this excel [spreadsheet](#).

1. We need to be sure that the references to best available science (BAS) remains in the proper statutory context. It is primarily designed to inform the process, not override or direct actions. A proper balance needs to be maintained between local conditions and policy needs.

2. No mention is made of the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) which is a significant program in 27 counties dealing with critical area protection and enhancement where agriculture exists within crucial areas. A prominent reference should be made in the guidance

to remind the 27 counties that critical areas (including CARAs) are handled through the VSP in those 27 counties with an approved county VSP watershed plan.