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To: [Espinoza, Joy \(ECY\)](#)
Subject: FW: letters for GWMA
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Joy,

A set of comments to add to the record

Thank you,

David

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Hi David

This letter is in regard to the GWMA.

1. Why are the nitrates not specified (animal, human or commercial) - if we do not know what specific nitrates we are dealing with how can we fix the problem.
2. It has come to my attention that there are more septic systems per allowed area - there are less acreage used in farming every year. Many pieces of land are split up and sold in smaller lots. People are buying these smaller plots and installing a septic tanks. Tanks leach sewage below any root layer and put unusable nitrates in the soil. (So again, let's specify the nitrates).
3. Test wells - make sure that the test wells were installed correctly. I was told that some of these wells were capped off at ground level. Being capped off does not keep contaminated liquid from entering the tube and therefore causing a higher count of nitrates. If these wells were installed at ground level they should be disallowed in the study.
4. If high nitrates are hazardous to the elderly or infants, then what documentation is there that claim this area is the cause for their sickness. I have not heard of any cases of "Blue Baby Syndrome" related to the Lower Yakima Valley.
5. Manure is an "organic" product, it is not a 'waste' product as stated in the GWMA report. It is very useful in farming and has been since farming started. Manure contains many natural forms or micronutrient materials that crops need to grow. Commercial Fertilizer do not contain any organic matter and will seep through the soil faster.

6. Minority Report – Jean Mendoza released this report prior to the release of the final GWMC report. Seems that Jean already knew that she would not like the results. In her report, Jean only wants to put blame on the dairy industry. AGAIN, how can you fix the problem when you don't know who is creating it