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I do not believe that the DOE draft of rules governing new rural wells in Whatcom county is keeping with the spirit of the state legislature's intent, which was to ensure that there would be water for development for the next 20 years. In addition to being unclear in its wording, the draft places an inequitable burden on owners of new wells when no such restrictions are warranted by research, especially considering the very small amount of water under consideration.

### Summary Recommendations:

Retain the previously established limit for wells of 3,000 gallons/day.

Maintain the distinction between indoor and outdoor use.

Drop for use of meters from the regulations until their use is clearly indicated by well-designed research.