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Washington State Department of Ecology Attn: Kyle Dorsey P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

SUBJECT: Statewide General Permit For Biosolids Management

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Statewide General Permit For Biosolids Management. I have been using the biosolids from the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Plant in Longview, Washington for my garden for about 10 years. I have numerous friends and family that also use this product. For the landscaping areas, I have had to make my own blend of the product to be more appealing. It has been very cumbersome, but the end result has been great on my plants. I was so glad to hear that this permit would allow the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Plant to be able to blend their biosolids with other products to have an end product that I can use on my landscaping. As a taxpayer, I feel any savings for the treatment plant's biosolids disposal and additional testing regimen costs helps our community. By being able to give away a more appealing blended product to the taxpayers, the better it is for everyone.

It is a shame to miss out on such a great commodity as biosolids is to our gardens/landscaping; it should be recycled back into our ground. I strongly support the approach Ecology is making on second-generation product derived from Class A EQ biosolids. And, that products made from Class A EQ biosolids do not need to be further regulated. This is nothing more than what I am doing as a resident and mixing it myself. Facilities should not have more stringent rules than the taxpayers. Not to mention, it is safer than unregulated fertilizers that people put in their gardens every year. I feel that Ecology should keep pace with technology and science-backed research, which has proven that it is safe to use and more beneficial than other alternatives.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Statewide General Permit For Biosolids Management. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 360-431-0852.

Sincerely,

Muchilly Debbie Stanley