

# Gerald Steel

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Dear Chelsea,

I oppose applying DOE rules to operations currently proposed to be defined as a "small CAFO." Cities and County's have the right and obligation under the GMA to protect critical areas including large and small streams and wetlands. Regarding "small CAFO's", protection is better handled at the local level. Regarding "small CAFO's", Ecology should limit its efforts to advising local governments. I generally agree with the comments of the Okanogan, Thurston, and Yakima County Farm Bureaus as they apply to "small CAFO's." Particularly at this time when food supplies are challenged, Ecology should not interfere with the production of food by small CAFO's. Thank you, in advance, for your efforts to implement the ideas in this comment.