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**To Whom It May Concern,  
Washington State Department of Ecology**

I am writing to strongly oppose any action or interpretation that would prohibit gravel pits and reclamation sites from accepting hydroexcavation spoils.

Hydroexcavation is a required and widely accepted method for safely exposing underground utilities and infrastructure. The material it produces is clean soil, not contaminated waste, and has long been responsibly reused at gravel pits under existing permits.

Eliminating this option would remove the only practical and lawful disposal avenue for clean hydroexcavation material. Treatment facilities are not designed for this volume or type of soil, and redirecting material to them would immediately disrupt public works, private development, and critical utility projects statewide.

This rule change would create unnecessary costs, delays, and logistical challenges for cities, counties, and contractors who rely on efficient, compliant disposal options to maintain essential infrastructure.

I respectfully urge Ecology to continue allowing gravel pit facilities to receive and manage clean hydroexcavation spoils under the current permitting structure.

**Sincerely,**

Tom Sheard  
General Manager of Commercial Services