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I'm writing in response to ongoing efforts by Department of Ecology to bring changes to the current code around exempt wells and protection of inland streams and waterways. I'm unable to find where you are drawing a distinction between shallow wells and deep wells. Shallow wells have a distinctly unique recovery profile and in most cases have naturally limiting factors that preclude the necessity or accurate viability of monitoring. My well(s) for example are less than 18' deep in an area predominantly consisting of loam and sand on top of a bed of clay. Any water that spills on my land returns directly to the water table below likely in the same day. It is frustrating not to see any reference to the distinction of the types of wells that exist in the County and to be lumped in with concerns over deeper aquifer depletion or some effect of removing water from the area. That last mention, we are on septic so the drain fields are in fact filtering through sand to create an almost perfect balance of consumption and return. We feel all of this is unjust when it doesn't reflect an accurate portrayal of those of us who aren't really part of the perceived problem by DOECO. In addition, if we decided to have a mini-farm with a few sheep/goats/chickens/ducks and a food plot, your 500 gpd runs out pretty quickly. I know of several people with horses, cows, lavender, fruit orchards, food plots - i.e. other mini-farms who are equally concerned about an arbitrary flat rate for all. Why not make this an application driven process versus a flat rate for all process? It seems very disconnected.