



# Public Services

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DATE: January 22, 2019

TO: Lisa Freund, David Haws, Interested Parties, and Interested Agencies

FROM: Byron Gumz, Senior Project Planner

SUBJ: SEP2019-00002 Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Program  
Threshold Determination - Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Yakima County, as lead SEPA agency for this proposal, is issuing the attached DNS for comment under WAC 197-11-340(2). Your views on this proposal are welcome and you may provide written comments on issues related to this threshold determination. Comments must be submitted within 14 days. The full submittal is available in our office for review or online at <http://www.yakimacounty.us/541/Groundwater-Management-Area>. If you have any questions on this proposal, please call me at (509) 574-2300.

Encl: SEPA Checklist

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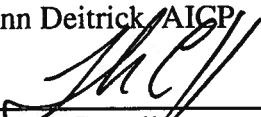
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## DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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1. **Description of Proposal:** Yakima County has developed a Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Program (Program) with the goal of reducing nitrate levels in groundwater within the Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Area (GWMA). The Program provides an analysis of the nitrate issue and identifies recommended actions to achieve that goal.
2. **File Number:** SEP2019-00002
3. **Proponent:** Yakima County Public Services  
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Fourth Floor County Courthouse  
128 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Yakima, WA 98901
4. **Location of Proposal:** Lower Yakima Valley, Yakima County, WA.
5. **Lead Agency:** Yakima County Planning Division
6. **Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a careful review of the completed environmental checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information (including all environmental documentation) is available to the public on request and can be examined in our offices during regular business hours or online at <http://www.yakimacounty.us/541/Groundwater-Management-Area>. Environmental documents include the SEPA checklist, this threshold determination, and submittal materials.
7. **Comment and Appeal Information:** This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The Lead Agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. You may submit comments on this proposal to the address below before 4:00 p.m. on **February 5, 2019**. Agencies and those providing comments will receive a copy of the final decision. The final threshold determination can be appealed to the Yakima County Superior Court within 21 days of issuance. For information on the comment or appeal processes, or on other issues relating to this proposal, contact Byron Gumz, Senior Project Planner, at (509) 574-2300.
8. **SEPA Responsible Official:** Lynn Deitrick, AICP  

9. **Designee:** Thomas Carroll
10. **Address:** 128 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse  
Yakima, WA 98901
11. **Date:** 1-22, 2019