

Comment Submission 21



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Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Wallula Power Project and Wallula – McNary Transmission Line Project (KEC-4). We have reviewed the draft EIS and have the following comments.

The applicant should consider designing the facility so opportunities to recycle are at least as convenient as waste disposal. Try to provide adequate, properly located space inside and outside the facility to accommodate equipment and containers for processing and storage of recyclables. Plan to recycle items such as paper, glass, aluminum and other metals, corrugated containers and plastics.

We encourage the applicant to use construction products containing recycled materials whenever possible, to reuse and recycle all leftover construction materials, and reduce waste generated. Recycling construction debris is typically less expensive than disposal.

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During daily operations of the facility, we recommend using products and supplies that are recyclable and/or made from recycled materials. Use of low-toxic or non-toxic products for cleaning, maintenance, and other purposes is encouraged. Practicing waste prevention methods is also important.

Any solid waste to be disposed on-site or used as fill material may require a solid waste handling permit from the Walla Walla County Health Department.

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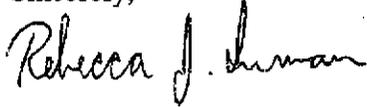
If wastes generated at this site are designated as hazardous or dangerous waste pursuant to the Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 WAC, and are generated in quantities sufficient to be regulated, the applicant must apply for a site identification number from the Department of Ecology by submitting a Notification of Dangerous Waste Activities form. The site identification number must be obtained prior to generating a regulated quantity of waste, and prior to shipping wastes off-site for treatment, storage or disposal.

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If you have any questions, please call Ms. Marni Solheim with our Solid Waste Services and Financial Assistance Program at (509) 456-7657.

Sincerely,



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**Responses to Comment Submission 21,
Letter from Rebecca J. Inman, Washington Department of Ecology**

- 21-1. Through the process of the reviewing wastewater discharges to the proposed impoundments, EFSEC's independent consultant has made recommendations for site certification conditions to address this matter. Specifically, the certificate holder would be required to establish and maintain a Solid Waste Control Plan that is reviewed and approved by EFSEC.
- 21-2. The comment is noted. However, should the Council recommend approval of the project to the Governor, and should the Governor approve the project, the certification of the project by EFSEC is given in lieu of any permit, certificate, or similar document which might be other wise required, per WAC 463-14-050. The handling and off-site disposal of solid wastes produced at the certificated facility would be approved by the Council in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 463 WAC and Chapter 80.30 of the Revised Code of Washington.
- 21-3. As proposed the project will not generate any waste designated as hazardous or dangerous pursuant to WAC 173-303. A review of the wastewater discharge to the proposed impoundments has been completed by EFSEC's independent consultant and the Department of Ecology to address this matter. The report submitted to EFSEC included recommended site certification agreement conditions addressing the confirmation of the designation of the impounded solids. Should the Council recommend approval of the project to the Governor, and should the Governor approve the project, the certification of the project by EFSEC is given in lieu of any permit, certificate, or similar document which might be other wise required, per WAC 463-14-050. Should the project produce any hazardous or dangerous wastes, the handling and off-site disposal of such wastes would be reviewed and approved by the Council in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 463 WAC and Chapter 80.30 of the Revised Code of Washington.