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March 1, 2016

City of Camas, SEPA Official
Community Development Department
616 Northeast Fourth Avenue
Camas, WA 98607

Dear SEPA Official:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Camas Municipal Code (CMC), Chapter 15.50, Clearing and Grading Project (SEPA16-01). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

**SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:
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Section 15.50.040(C) of the proposed code states, in part: “Fill and/or excavation of one-hundred (500) cubic yards or more, even if excavated ...” Ecology recommends that the city clarify whether this section means 100 or 500 cubic yards.

Section 15.50.040(G) of the proposed code states: “Retaining walls over four (4) feet in height as measured from the bottom of the base rock or block, or as identified by an engineer as having loads under 4'.” Ecology recommends that the city clarify the phrase “having loads under 4’.”

Section 15.50.050(B)(1) of the proposed code states, in part: “Activities needed to place building foundations and retaining walls requiring an approval ...” Ecology recommends that the city clarify what type of approval is meant.

Section 15.50.050(B)(1) of the proposed code states, in part: “Land clearing, grading, filling, sandbagging, diking, ditching or similar work during or after periods of extreme weather ...” Ecology recommends that the city define the limits of “after” extreme weather or emergency conditions.

In section 15.50.050(B)(10) of the proposed code, the city may want to consider requiring that the status of “diseased tree” be determined by a certified arborist.

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Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

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