

Travis Goddard

From: Bart Catching <Bart.Catching@clark.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 8:08 AM
To: Travis Goddard
Cc: Oliver Orjiako; Jose Alvarez; Christine Cook; Will Finn; Peter Boyce; Susan Drummond; Sonja Wiser
Subject: RE: Cardai Hill SEPA DNS Woodland Appeal Status

Travis,
Your comments are received and will be added to the record.
Thank you.



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From: Travis Goddard <GoddardT@ci.woodland.wa.us>
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Bart,

Please accept this email as a formal response to the scoping notice and a formal request from the City of Woodland to use our comment letter and SEPA appeal packet as the city's concerns for scoping of the EIS. In addition to the items raised previously, I need to raise one specific concern that needs to be highlighted for the IES scoping:

The City of Woodland is acutely concerned about the effects of noise and vibration and their link to slope stability in the area of the proposed mine. The city's sole source of drinking water is a Raney well under the Lewis River. Slope stability in the valley and along the river is a matter of concern because mass wasting events that deposit materials into the river, or runoff loaded with sediment that enters the river, has the potential to settle on the river bed, which contains our well laterals. The laterals require regular maintenance/cleaning, which is a large expense to our utility customers. This will increase the cost to our customers. Or, more alarmingly, if a slope stability event were to cause the blockage of the Lewis River, the city's water system would be restricted in water usage. Our maintenance, possible water contamination and water rights need to be protected and assured.

For this reason, we feel that the applicant's geotechnical work needs to include upstream and downstream vulnerabilities for the Lewis River valley. The study should be of sufficient scope to provide reasonable

certainty that the vibrations from the mine, material processing activity, blasting, and activities associated with the mine, will not pose a danger to the city's water system.

Because the operation of our public water system is a matter of health and life safety, and because it is a vital part of the city's economic engine, we would like to emphasize that the EIS must not only study the potential for impacts, it must make all reasonable efforts to evaluate the danger the mine poses to the city's ability to provide safe drinking water.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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Thank you, Travis.
Keep us posted.



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Hi Bart,

Thanks for the note. I will talk to my elected officials and get some policy direction at our next council meeting. I will be in touch.

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Travis,

On April 5, 2023, the responsible official withdrew the November 28, 2022, SEPA DNS for the Cardai Hill surface mining overlay request, and issued a DS. The City of Woodland has appealed the DNS and that appeal remains live, notwithstanding that the presumed objective of the appeal – issuance of a DS – has occurred. It is not clear what continued proceedings in the appeal would address or accomplish. Please update Clark County Community Planning on the status of the city’s DNS appeal and whether the city intends further action on this matter, for example, withdrawal of the appeal.

Thank you,



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