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Dear Angie Merrill:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the prethreshold consultation for the City of La Center Public Works Operation Center Improvements Project (2025-010-CUP) located at 291 East Ivy Avenue as proposed by Angie Merrill. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

HAZARDOUS WASTE & TOXICS REDUCTION: Garret Peck (564) 669-0836

The applicant proposes to demolish an existing structure(s). In addition to any required asbestos abatement procedures, the applicant should ensure that any other potentially dangerous or hazardous materials present, such as PCB-containing lamp ballasts, fluorescent lamps, and wall thermostats containing mercury, are removed prior to demolition. It is important that these materials and wastes are removed and appropriately managed prior to demolition. It is equally important that demolition debris is also safely managed, especially if it contains painted wood or concrete, treated wood, or other possibly dangerous materials.

Please review the "Dangerous Waste Rules for Demolition, Construction, and Renovation Wastes," posted at Ecology's website, <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Dangerous-waste-guidance/Common-dangerous-waste/Construction-and-demolition>. The applicant may also contact Katy Harvey of Ecology's Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at katy.harvey@ecy.wa.gov for more information about safely handling dangerous wastes and demolition debris.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: Derek Rockett (360) 995-3176

All grading and filling of land must utilize only clean fill. All other materials may be considered solid waste and permit approval may be required from your local jurisdictional health department prior to filling. All removed debris resulting from this project must be disposed of at an approved site. Contact the local jurisdictional health department or Department of Ecology for proper management of these materials.

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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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cc: Garret Peck, HWTR
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