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RE: Troutdale Aquifer – EPA Sole Source Aquifer Designation

Dear Ms. Lentz:

This letter is written on behalf of the Fishers Creek Neighborhood Association to express support for the designation of the Troutdale Aquifer as a Sole Source Aquifer.

The petition states that the Troutdale Aquifer System provides at least 97% of the drinking water for Clark County residents, qualifying it for the Sole Source Aquifer designation. The Washington State Department of Ecology has identified 216 contaminated sites and 12 federal Superfund sites in this area that are undergoing cleanup. Ecology also lists approximately 620 hazardous waste generators and 280 hazardous material storage facilities. These sites and facilities threaten the health of the groundwater that serves the County.

We believe that protecting our water supply is critical to the environment and Clark County residents. By granting the Aquifer the Sole Source designation it deserves, we understand the EPA will review all proposed projects that receive federal funding. This will ensure that the Troutdale Aquifer does not sustain further contamination, and that it will remain viable and healthy for future generations.

Fishers Creek Neighborhood Association is pleased to support this effort to sustain our environment.

Sincerely,

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John A. Stouffer, President

Fishers Creek Neighborhood Association