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Attention: Charles L. Steel, Floodplain Management Specialist

Dear Chuck,

This letter is to memorialize our October 19, 2004 conversation pertaining to certain agricultural activities which Snohomish County and Department Of Ecology (DOE) agree are de minimus and do not require a flood hazard permit. Those activities which do not alter contours include tilling, plowing, harvesting, soil amendments, and farm ditch cleaning when such activity does not alter the originally constructed ditch configuration and the spoils are removed from site or tilled into fields as a soil amendment. Exempt activities would also include farm road construction or maintenance which does not alter contours, use culverts, and is less than six inches above grade.

Snohomish County supports agriculture and believes that requiring permits for the above activities places unnecessary restrictions on farmers while not impacting adjoining properties. All activities not listed would continue to be subject to flood hazard regulations as applicable.

If you have questions or wish to discuss the issues further please contact me at 425-388-3311, extension 2135 or e-mail me at [Tom.Rowe@co.Snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Tom.Rowe@co.Snohomish.wa.us).

Sincerely,

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