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Subject: Olympic View Water System ID# 63600
Snohomish County

Miss Danielson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Edmonds School District's proposal to inject storm water into the aquifer near Deer Creek and the Deer Creek Springs. The project is located within the 10-year time of travel for ground water to reach the Deer Creek Springs. We understand the concern that the injection wells could directly impact the water quality of the Deer Creek Springs aquifer.

Deer Creek and the springs are the primary sources of supply for Olympic View and the 12,938 people who drink its water. Olympic View is required to develop a Source Water Protection Plan and include it as part of the Water System Plan (WAC 246-290-100). We approved Olympic View's most recent plan in August of 2017. The plan identified storm water as the most likely source of contamination to affect the Deer Creek Source.

We require public water systems to obtain water from the highest quality source feasible (WAC 246-290-130). New sources of supply in an urban environment are difficult to secure, which is why it is important to protect the existing spring aquifer. Based on the report provided, we are concerned about the potential impact on Olympic View's drinking water supply.

We understand that you have raised your concerns to the School Board and asked the Board to address them. We support your efforts and would like to see your source water quality protected. We support your concerns that the Board should consider other feasible alternatives or establish ongoing semiannual monitoring to ensure the protection of the aquifer and the supply of water to the utility that serves the community. Please give me a call at (360) 236-3110 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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