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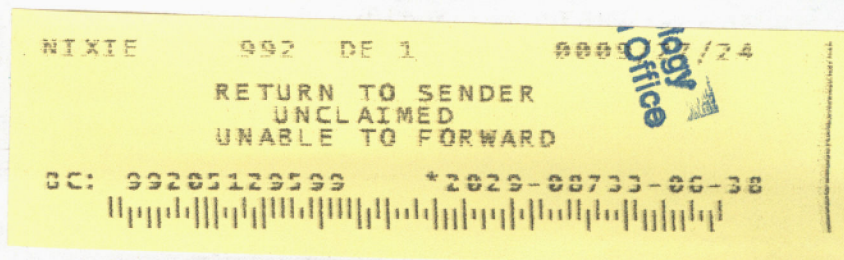
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Robert H. Greiff  
6223 W. Ridgeway Road  
Deer Park, WA 99006



RE: Applications for Change/Transfer under Surface Water Certificate No. 4057, and Ground Water Certificate Nos. 4589-A and G3-01333C.

The above referenced applications were filed with the Department on May 1, 2023. The applications requested to change the place of use and to add acres by increasing the total authorized for irrigation from 37 acres to 100 acres. The applications also proposed to change the place of use to include the lands South of Ridgeway Road located within the W½NE¼ of Section 9, Township 27 N., Range 42 E.W.M. (Spokane County Parcel No. 27091.9037).

In October of 2023, Jaime Short (ERO WR Section Manager) and Gene Drury (NE WA Water Master) discussed your pending applications with your consultant Tim Reiersen. We discussed the problems with the applications, that we must evaluate each water right separately and explained what additional information would be required. It was agreed that there would be no irrigation South of Ridgeway Road for the 2024 season and that only a total of 37 acres would be irrigated North of Ridgeway Road. Water usage would be recorded for both surface water and from the well so we could evaluate the data for the pending applications under each of the water rights. On October 24, 2023, you sent a letter to Jaime Short, stating that you would not irrigate the parcel south of Ridgeway Road. You stated that you would contact Koos Irrigation of Quincy, WA and would install meters on each source and only irrigate a combined total of 37 acres north of Ridgeway Road. You also agreed to leave the wheel lines off to the side of the fields and not use them.

Since this time, you have continued to irrigate the 69 acre parcel South of Ridgeway Road despite being warned multiple times including penalties being issued for this illegal water use. You have also irrigated the parcel North of Ridgeway Road in 2024, far exceeding your existing water right totals. It appears that the information you agreed to provide will not be submitted nor could it be used due to the excessive water usage and illegal irrigation. Any data submitted for the 2024 irrigation season would be considered unacceptable and unusable to process your pending applications. As explained previously, the applications as currently filed are inadequate and without accurate information, they cannot be processed.



## Filing an appeal

### Filing with the PCHB

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- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**  
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- **Chapter 43.21B RCW – Environmental Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>
- **Ecology's Laws, Rules & Rulemaking**  
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