

Department of Environmental Quality

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March 7, 2012

Mike Johnson Fairview Lake Property Owners Association 3588 NE 214<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fairview, OR 97024

Re: Refund of Fees & Denial of 2300A Permit Application

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a Pesticide General Permit application from you, and fees in the amount of \$903, on February 21, 2012.

Unfortunately, after reviewing the application package DEQ determined that there is a high likelihood that the proposed activity would cause or contribute to violations of water quality standards downstream in the Columbia Slough. Specifically, the decay of aquatic plants would release nutrients into the water and consume oxygen from the water, which would exacerbate the nutrient levels and low oxygen levels of concern in the Columbia Slough.

You can find additional information about the Columbia Slough Watershed's water quality conditions and concerns on DEQ's website at: <a href="http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/TMDLs/docs/willamettebasin/columbiaslough/tmdl.pdf">http://www.deq.state.or.us/WQ/TMDLs/docs/willamettebasin/columbiaslough/tmdl.pdf</a>

Therefore, DEQ has denied your application and is returning your application materials. A refund of \$903 is being processed by our Business Office and will be sent to FLPOA, care of Brenda Luna, in a separate mailing.

If you have questions about this action, please call me at (503) 229-6991.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Geist

Water Quality Manager Northwest Region DEQ

cc:

Brenda Luna, Fairview Lake POA

Jane VanDyke, Executive Director, CSWSC

Nina Bell, Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates

