

The City of Leeds grants Janelle Engstrom permission to read the following letter on behalf of the City of Leeds.

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Hog Farm in Pierce County

Dear Members of the Pierce County Planning and Zoning Board,

I, Nick Parslow, Mayor of the City of Leeds, along with the Leeds City Council, wish to express our concerns regarding the proposed hog farm in Pierce County.

The City of Leeds is located downstream of Hurricane Lake, the proposed site of the hog farm. We are deeply concerned about the potential environmental impacts this facility may have on our water systems, particularly regarding runoff and water quality.

Additionally, we understand that Rural Water, which sells water to the City of Rugby for this project, draws from the same aquifer that supplies the City of Leeds. This raises serious concerns about the availability and sustainability of water resources for our community. Ensuring a safe and adequate water supply for our residents is of utmost importance to us.

We respectfully urge the Pierce County Planning & Zoning Council to carefully evaluate these issues and consider the downstream and regional impacts this proposed development could have on surrounding communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to continued collaboration to protect the health and well-being of our shared environment.

Sincerely,

Nick Parslow

Mayor, City of Leeds