

My name is Brad Skelton, along with my wife and 18 month old daughter, I live on Greenacres road. I was born and raised in Okanogan county and have owned my home place since 2002. One day without warning I see blacked out 8 foot tall fences being erected adjacent to my home. No prior public notice on site or in the mail as per RCW 69.50.580 was done. The former apple orchard is now unrecognizable. The entire 30 plus acres is well on the way to being completely covered with marijuana greenhouses, and 8 foot tall security fences many of which are a multicolor eyesore.

The issues with this growing nightmare of a drug production facility are numerous. The major problems are the health issues. My wife and I now experience intense sinus headaches with associated vertigo. This never happened prior to the marijuana producers going in. I have researched this problem on line and have found instances of people with similar issues since legalization in Colorado. Chelan county is also addressing these issues, see the Wenatchee World article the end of January 2016. It is our recommendation that filtration (HEPA) be added to the growing houses and processing facilities to include existing and future operations. This would control the skunk stench and allergens. The halogen grow lights are a huge issue as well. The glaring lights are on 24 hours a day 7 days a week. This could be mitigated with tarp like shading covers over the green houses.

The eyesore problem could be fixed with a single dark green color painted on the solid fences, the same color as the cyclone fence fabric next to it.

The traffic issue may be a law enforcement issue . Workers who are possibly under the influence of their product. I have personally almost been run into with my daughter in my pickup when someone pulled out of the facility oblivious to vehicles already on Greenacres .

There are other irregularities with the introduction of these production facilities.

RCW 69.50.580 clearly states, applicants for a marijuana producers, processors, researchers, or retailer permit must display a sign on the outside of the premises notifying the public that the premises are subject to an application for such a license, and must contain text with content sufficient to notify the public of the nature of the pending license, date, name of applicant and liquor and cannabis control board contact information. It must be of a size sufficient to ensure it will be readily seen by the public. It must be conspicuously displayed on or adjacent to the premises in a location most likely to be seen by the public. In this case a billboard like sign easily read as you drive down Greenacres Rd. This was never done. When I built my single family residence my neighbors had written notifications. A drug production facility didn't have to?.

There are also irrigation irregularities. According to Marvin Schirtenlieb, a landowner next to the first drug facility on Greenacres, the Duck lake aquifer adjudication stipulates no watering Nov. through April. These facilities are growing all year round right through the winter. Marv has the adjudication documentation and will be providing to the commission.

The RCW also stipulates 2 acre maximums and yet there will soon be 30 ~~acres~~ acres on one 30 acre piece of ground next to me. How is this not illegal?.

In conclusion, the general public voted to legalize yet another mind altering drug but my family should not have to give up our quality of life for someone else's gain. We, including the families around me were here first, we did not move in after the fact. These facilities should expect to mitigate their harmful effects if they want to do business in a residential neighborhood.

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