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**To:**  
**CC:** Barbara Adkins; Melissa Drewry; Rick Mraz  
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**Subject:** SMP update - Retaining SEPA DNS

Thank you for your comments on the SEPA determination for Mason County's SMP update. We have decided to retain<sup>1</sup> the DNS, however the recommended changes provided will be considered by the Planning Advisory Commission at the upcoming public hearings.

The PAC will be deciding on the hearing dates on Monday evening. Afterwards, I will be emailing, mailing, posting, and publishing a notice of public hearings.

<sup>1</sup> **Retaining the DNS:** If the lead agency decides to retain the DNS, agencies may take action on the proposal after the close of the comment period. A decision to retain a DNS requires no additional paperwork, although some agencies choose to circulate notice to agencies with jurisdiction and other interested parties. Other agencies place a memo in the file indicating the comments have been reviewed and no further review is needed. Sending a written response to commentors or arranging a meeting is at the discretion of the lead agency, but can be beneficial—both in establishing good public rapport and in developing an improved proposal.

Sincerely,

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