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EXEMPTION TO RCW 70A.02.060 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ASSESSMENT

Under the authority of RCW 70A.02.120(2), I determine that in the event that Chapter 173-167 WAC: Emergency Drought Funding emergency rule is considered to be a significant agency action under the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act, this emergency rule is exempted from the requirements of RCW 70A.02.060, including the requirement to complete an environmental justice assessment. I have determined that any delay in adopting this emergency rule would be likely to cause serious harm to the public interest.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2024

Laura Watson, Director