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EXEMPTION TO RCW 70A.02.060 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to RCW 70A.02.120(2), I find that if the emergency rule adopting chapter 173-167 WAC (Emergency Drought Funding) is deemed a "significant agency action" under the HEAL Act, it is exempt from the requirements of RCW 70A.02.060, including completion of an environmental justice assessment. I further find that delaying adoption of this emergency rule would likely cause serious harm to the public interest (RCW 70A.02.120(2)(a)).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Casey D. Sixkiller".

Casey D. Sixkiller, Director