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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Kennewick Irrigation District  
Essential Workforce Definition  
State of Washington

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with Governor Inslee's Proclamation of March 23, 2020, regarding "essential business", Kennewick Irrigation District analyzed its job purposes and client sector in comparison to the definitions posted on Washington's website: <https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/whats-open-and-closed/essential-business>.

Kennewick Irrigation District is a Special Purpose District in the State of Washington. We divert water from the Yakima River for agricultural and residential irrigation purposes. As such, we align with the following essential groups:

- Emergency Services Sector; Essential Workforce – Public Works; Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations, including bridges, water and sewer main breaks, fleet maintenance personnel, construction of critical or strategic infrastructure, traffic signal maintenance, emergency location services for buried utilities, maintenance of digital systems infrastructure supporting public works operations, and other emergent issues.
- Food and Agriculture; Essential Workforce; Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary to agricultural production and distribution
- Water and Wastewater; Essential Workforce; Workers repairing water and wastewater conveyances and performing required sampling or monitoring, Operations staff for water distribution and testing, Operations staff and technical support for SCADA Control systems

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Seth Defoe  
Land & Water Resources Manager  
for Charles Freeman, District Manager