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**TO:** Drew Shirk, Director  
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Local Officials, Fire Protection District Administrators and Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Impacted Area

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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2024 DISTRIBUTION OF THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2024 distribution of tax proceeds from thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055.

These estimates were produced by the Office of Financial Management (OFM) using information from the Department of Revenue's tax code area boundaries for cities, fire protection districts and library districts. The estimates account for annexations through 4/1/2024. These estimates are based on the revised April 1, 2023 estimates and the updated 2020 Census base. Incorporated area populations are included in the fire protection district population estimates in cases where districts provide services to cities (RCW 52.04.071 and RCW 52.04.091). Incorporated area populations are not included in the library district population estimates per RCW 54.28.055(2).

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact me by phone at 360-280-7935 or by email at [rob.kemp@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:rob.kemp@ofm.wa.gov).

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**TABLE 1****Population Estimates for Cities and Unincorporated Areas to be Used for the 2024  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Cities and Unincorporated Areas of Counties	2023 Population to be Used for the 2024 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Unincorporated Population by County	Proportion of Impacted Area Incorporated Population by City
Total Unincorporated	65,105	1.00000	1.00000
Total Incorporated	284,908		
<u>Benton County</u>	215,400		
Unincorporated Area	37,507	0.57610	
Benton City	3,810		0.01337
Kennewick	86,474		0.30352
Prosser	6,445		0.02262
Richland	63,324		0.22226
West Richland	17,840		0.06262
<u>Franklin County</u>	100,790		
Unincorporated Area	14,160	0.21750	
Connell	4,960		0.01741
Mesa	390		0.00137
Pasco	81,280		0.28529
<u>Grant County</u>	368		
Unincorporated Area	368	0.00565	
<u>Walla Walla County</u>	5,170		
Unincorporated Area	5,170	0.07941	
<u>Yakima County</u>	28,285		
Unincorporated Area	7,900	0.12134	
Grandview	11,250		0.03949
Mabton (Part)	0		0.00000
Sunnyside (Part)	9,135		0.03206

## Notes:

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, population estimates are subject to errors arising from incomplete or inaccurate source data as well as modeling error.

According to RCW 54.28.010(7), the "impacted area" for a thermal electric generating facility on a federal reservation means that area in the state lying within 35 statute miles of the most commonly used entrance of the federal reservation and which is south of the southern boundary of Township 15 North. For the present analysis, the entrance at the intersection of Stevens Dr. and Horn Rapids Rd. is considered the most commonly used entrance.

The 2023 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2024.

Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 5.

**TABLE 2**

**Population Estimates for Fire Protection Districts to be Used for the 2024 Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Fire Protection Districts	2023 Population to be Used for the 2024 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Fire Protection District Population
Total	79,099	1.000
<u>Benton County</u>	51,625	
1	20,916	0.264
2	8,061	0.102
4	21,626	0.273
5	394	0.005
6	628	0.008
<u>Franklin County</u>	14,164	
1	2,085	0.026
2	80	0.001
3	6,924	0.088
4	3,140	0.040
5	1,935	0.024
<u>Grant County</u>	370	
8	370	0.005
<u>Walla Walla County</u>	5,170	
1	10	0.000
3	925	0.012
5	4,055	0.051
6	180	0.002
7	0	0.000
<u>Yakima County</u>	7,770	
5	7,765	0.098
7	5	0.000

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Incorporated area populations are included in the fire protection district population estimates in cases where districts provide services to cities (RCW 52.04.071 and RCW 52.04.091). Incorporated area populations are included in the following fire protection district estimates: Benton City (Benton-2), West Richland (Benton-4) and Mesa (Franklin-1).

The 2023 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2024.

Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 5.

**TABLE 3**

**Population Estimates for Library Districts to be Used for the 2024  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

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Library Districts	2023 Population to be Used for the 2024 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Library District Population
Total	65,105	1.000
Mid-Columbia	51,667	0.794
North Central	368	0.006
Walla Walla County	5,170	0.079
Yakima Valley	7,900	0.121

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Incorporated area populations are not included in the library district estimates per RCW 54.28.055(2).

The 2023 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2024.

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**MAP**

**Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area**

