

Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments

As the owner of the property, and a known community steward, the Port's needs and priorities should receive high consideration. The final cleanup scenario should protect the Port's ability to use the property in the future. The preferred option by IP is not the best option for the Port and the overall community. Offsite disposal, as possible, is a better option for the long-term viability of the site. Local taxpayers should not be held liable tomorrow for a cost saving choice today by IP. The IP proposal will very likely create problems for the Port in the use of the property as well as an increased concern regarding the release of contaminants in the future.