

Port of Longview hearing on 9-28-17

International Paper cleanup on Port property

1. Leaving contaminants onsite, even with the proposed capping systems, is not a permanent solution. Nothing short of removal of contaminants to a certified offsite landfill will ensure the continued safety for Port staff, clients and the community. As we now see in Houston, Texas, these capping systems are not permanent, especially, with unforeseen extreme weather events or earthquakes.
2. If a cleanup plan is approved and completed that leaves contaminants capped onsite, will Internat'l Paper be responsible for costs of maintenance? And for how many years?
3. Will there be financial assurances put in place to protect the Port from further costs of this contaminated area down the road?
4. If the final plan is to cap contaminants, could these mounds fail in any way in the future? and who will be responsible to rebuild them?
5. If further contaminants are found outside of areas now known, will IP be held liable for this cleanup action?
6. ~~Do~~ we know if groundwater is contaminated? Through years of Port operations, migration of groundwater could occur and force these contaminants to the surface.
7. If the final plan is to cap contaminants, will the caps be designed to meet structural strength requirements?
8. Will there be leak detectable capping systems used? Or some other way to continually monitor this area?
9. Reynolds' 33-acre closed black mud pond shows that future problems are very likely to occur. Leaking has been acknowledged at that mud pond and monitoring of that site will be endless. There is no such thing as capping contaminants and assuming you never have to deal with them again.
10. I feel the Port of Longview's plan is a very generous compromise, even though I would like to see it all moved offsite. But I would hope whatever the final decision is - that it also include my requests for assurances that taxpayers not be held responsible for future costs.

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