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RAVENSDALE SILICA RECLAMATION

Facility Site: 2041

Cleanup Site: 4728

I am writing to submit my comments concerning the Reserve Silica Reclamation in Ravensdale, WA. I am a private citizen and homeowner on Lake Sawyer which is fed by Ravensdale Creek, underground aquifers and Rock Creek in WRIA-9. I am concerned that DOE has determined that there exists known contamination in the surface water, the underground water and the soil. This is a SIGNIFICANT CONCERN because Kent Water District, Black Diamond Water District, Covington Water District, Renton Water District all obtain their water from underground aquifers within a few mile radius of the site in Ravensdale. Also, the Cedar River Watershed and Lake Young, the source of water for all of Seattle are nearby.

I am additionally concerned due to the fact that Covington Water District is pumping water from wells within 600 feet of the shores of Lake Sawyer, from a depth that is equal to the bottom of the lake which has long been suspected to have permeable continuity with underground aquifers. I believe, as do others, that Covington Water District's excessive pumping of this aquifer is directly contributing to a lowering of the water table and a reduction of in-stream flow rates in Covington Creek as it exits Lake Sawyer. This is most noticeable in late summer and continues well into the fall, preventing salmon runs from reaching their spawning grounds in Ravensdale Creek, near the contamination site.

Water is vital to life. As population grows, the demand for clean drinking water will also grow. At the same time, development reduces our native forests and ground-cover which are known to help purify our water. Allowing contamination to remain in situ in the face of increasing water demands, and decreasing water tables is unacceptable for the health of our entire ecosystem.

Respectfully,

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