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Great to see this report! It will be very helpful to everyone involved in cleaning up sites. A few minor comments below:

Page 8, list of basins. It is unclear how all areas of the state will be covered by these basins. For example, I live on the Olympic Peninsula, which might partially be covered by Puget Sound lowlands, but not entirely. Because readers might be using this not only for cleanup, but also to evaluate their own groundwater quality (lots of private wells in this area) it would be helpful to explain how other areas were or will be addressed, or how people in those areas should use the results.

Section 4.11. Is Microsoft Excel an appropriate tool for doing regressions? Historically its statistical tools have been prone to errors. Why not use R or a more robust statistical software package?

Section 5.6. Good news about groundwater in the Tacoma Smelter plume area! This should alleviate some worries and simplify cleanups in that area.

Section 6. Could the geologic discussion presented here help evaluate what levels should be applied in areas not included in the basins listed?

Figure 3. The Puget Sound Basin is not clearly delineated from others in some areas - it appears to overlap into the Snohomish and Southwest Basins. Can this be more clearly outlined like the others? Otherwise there could be double-counting issues?

Thank you for this report!