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Dear Julia Schwarz, Department of Ecology State of Washington,

Thank you for providing this opportunity for the community to give opinions and thoughts about cleanup site North Boeing Field Georgetown Steam Plant, Seattle also known as the Georgetown Flume and Off Leash Area. Located east of 1001 S. Myrtle St between Myrtle St and East Marginal Way.

We commend Ecology for making great efforts in engaging the community and providing notice to the Georgetown Open Space Committee in early September about the Flume Comment period occurring from November 7th to December 21st, joining the Georgetown Open Space Meeting Committee meeting on the 24th of October and for hosting a virtual meeting on November 9th to explain the process and answer community concerns and questions.

Based on the Ecology Interim Action plan 11/23 soil samples showed PCBs were not found but 48%, over half found were detected positive for PCBs. 4/40 tests showed cPAHs were undetected, 10%. Declaring 90% of the samples did find cPAHs. When it comes to the many toxins found, we as an environmental justice community find it unclear and inconsistent that these compounds have not been systematically studied as we get conflicting information. Leaving an unknown risk and exposure level. Risks that the public do not know how to calculate.

As Parks and public areas are required to be cleaned thoroughly and at the highest level as a residence, we ask Ecology to go above and beyond those set standards. Many of these toxins combined are very dangerous to the public.

We encourage Ecology and Seattle City Light to ensure the contaminants are cleaned up for the safety of people and pets. We agree with Ecologys action plans to remove the contaminants that are on the top soil.

Moving forward, we hope Ecology can implement a standard on site public notice for all toxic and cleanup sites by installing large notice signs. On site notice with MTCA # and risk rating (1 to 5) would be helpful. This will limit exposure.

We understand none of the MTCA sites are marked with signage and that it's not required. We hope this can change by spreading awareness and education.

Many people were unaware the North Boeing Field Georgetown Steam Plant/ Georgetown Flume and Off Leash Area had PCBs and cPAHS below the top layer.

We understand Ecology has a process of notifying the public through media releases, website and listserves and other community engagement notice tactics but people are unaware when they step foot on a site filled with toxic chemicals and are unaware they are being exposed.

Thank you again for engaging with our community and allowing us to provide feedback.

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