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I support the establishment of standards for cleanup of groundwater to drinking water standards as the highest beneficial use is as potable drinking water source.

Voluntary testing of Group A water systems in Island County revealed that 10% of these systems had detections. There appears to be a correlation between the location of the affected wells and historical use of firefighting foams. This pattern may be expected to be repeated across rural Washington.

Cleanup may not always be the most cost-effective solution for water systems. In some cases, treatment may be preferred while in other cases relocating wells to an uncontaminated area may make the most sense. These considerations should be taken into account when prioritizing sites for cleanup.

Another issue of concern is future cleanup levels are the EPA sets MCLs for drinking water and standards under CERCLA.

Lastly, it is probable that local fire companies were the parties that discharged the material onto the ground. Although technically Potential Responsible Parties, holding these entities accountable for cleanup costs is not realistic.