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Yakima County is just getting a taste of the upcoming possible disasters with their limited purpose landfills. ...oh wait! It's already happening! Both landfills have had fires, toxic gases, take a large amount of waste from outside the county or country (2022 from Catons was more than 80% from Canada and who knows about DTG), lack liners, have the potential to dig through the Vantage Interbed Layer that protects our groundwater (need diligent monitoring to guarantee that this isn't happening...oh wait DTG has dug through it and unsure if Caton is being monitored). This is scary! It can't be undone!

Here are some suggestions.

If the LPLs in Yakima County are to remain open, a full time DOE and YHD employee needs to be hired at the LPLs expense to take care of the LPLs. These LPLs are taking up a big chunk of the regulators time. Both private LPLs have had major issues that impact neighbors and the environment. Do something!

Monitoring is key! Regulators need to have many unscheduled visits at least 8 per quarter. Debris needs to be dug up, examined, and tested for various chemicals, toxics, gases, etc. Vehicle counters and/or cameras connected to a web based log (accessible 24-7 by regulators as needed) need to be installed on each limited purpose landfill to make sure that LPLs are only accepting the amount of waste that is within their SEPA to guarantee accountability. Gates close when they meet their weekly quota. No out of county or country waste should be accepted.

If a LPL is caught lying on a report, fails a water monitoring test, are late submitting required paperwork or testing, have toxic gases or substances...shut them down! ANY OTHER BUSINESS would be...

LPLs in Yakima County need to be closely monitored to be sure that they are accepting debris that is 100% within their SEPA. If not, then they need to lose their permit for a defined amount of time. A picture should be taken of every load and license plate number to upload onto the digital log book that should be accessible 24-7 by regulators (a definite must!). Accountability is a must do!

If gases, toxins, or fires (both underground and above ground) exist, then they also need to be closed for a defined amount of time. Any repeat issues should require being closed for a longer duration until all issues are completely remedied. The current lack of guarantee that all debris is acceptable at the LPLs should be considered a crime against humanity because all the neighbors pay (monetarily, health-wise, and ongoing for the never ending future) and for the lack of monitoring and problems caused by that lack.

All LPLs should have liners and water monitoring from at least 8 wells on site and also 8 various neighboring wells, monthly. The lack of monitoring is the root of all the problems.

Insert head smack...read the newspaper, watch the news, be informed. It is evident that our LPLs should be deemed as criminals for what they are doing to the environment while being given a red

carpet by the regulators. Oh yes....you can self regulate....oh yes...you can do self testing at any time of day or year maybe yes or no....oh yes...you can do and accept whatever you want and you will be told when you will be inspected so that you can hide evidence...

Please do something before it's too late...fingers crossed that it isn't.

A Concerned Citizen