Addison Anonymous

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Lower Issaquah Valley PFAS cleanup sites. My name is Addison, a high school student on the Eastside looking to inquire about the cleanup documents.

The Agreed Order for EFR HQ IVES takes strong steps to study and contain the release of hazardous substances on Rainier Trail and Memorial Field. In particular, the inclusion of soil removal, groundwater remediation, and removal of contaminated objects in the Interim Actions portion of the SOW demonstrates an impressive stride towards preventing contamination from spreading. One further step that the City should consider taking is designating the Interim Actions as a required step (instead of an optional task) before the implementation of the RI/FS. Even if Interim Actions are not technically necessary to reduce contamination threats, any preventative actions to limit future risks should be considered during the early stages of the project, especially if final cleanup actions are extended.

In regard to the Public Participation Plan for the Lower Issaquah Valley PFAS Cleanup Sites, the inclusion of mailing lists, newspaper ads, and social media outreach concerning the cleanup all represent effective ways for the City to engage public participation. However, I would also like to underscore the importance of signage at the site to guarantee the public can be further educated about the cleanup. Presently, the Public Participation Plan includes vague language that does not ensure signage will be present at the site. To engage the community most thoroughly, signage about project status should be a required component of the Public Participation Plan. Especially because one of the sites includes Issaquah Valley Elementary School, it would be remiss not to guarantee the presence of signage to educate local citizens about the project.

For the reasons stated above, I support the cleanup documents but inquire for further guaranteed action about specific components of the project.

Sincerely,

Addison