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As part of the cleanup process, I want a PFAS-free clean well/water supply. In addition, I would expect that all the soil contaminated by the toxic water from our wells be removed and replaced with clean, PFAS-free, tested soil. I would also expect yearly testing and maintenance on the well filter. Health and home issues would undoubtedly need to be addressed as well.

Ultimately, families should have no fear of toxic water.
Kids should play in sprinklers, in pools, and run on grass that is free from toxins.
Animals should have clean, healthy drinking water.
Gardens and fruit trees should be toxic-free, and the produce should be safe for families to eat.

Questions:

Will bottled water continue to be provided until full house filters are installed? Although one undermount filter if/when provided would be helpful, it would be better to have more options. I, for one, would minimally like to have clean water available on each floor of my house until PFAS-free water is available for my entire property.

Once filters are provided, will follow-up water testing be done to ensure filters are working properly and at the level needed to provide safe, clean water?

-What will be the protocol for testing?

-What will be the protocol to receive new filters?

-Will the filters remove all types of PFAS to the level set by the new guideline requirements?

In 2017, following the Airway Heights/FAFB incident, the CDC and ATSDR were brought in to assess exposure and health risks due to the length of time the public had been exposed to drinking water from a contaminated source. Their process covered analysis and overall testing of blood, urine, water, and dust. As the airport failed to alert the public regarding the toxic water, families have continued drinking the water for years. Will the CDC and ATSDR be brought in again as part of our health and safety evaluations and clean up process? How soon would that happen? What would that protocol look like?

Reference: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/docs/ATSDR-PFAS-EA-Site-D-SpokaneCounty-Report-508.pdf>

Will SIA, EPA, or other government agencies have funds in place to help with current and/or future health concerns?

Will the Spokane International Airport be fined for failure to report a public safety issue or for not maintaining a safe property? If not the EPA, which government agency will be investigating the situation at SIA?

Will emails and correspondence between SIA employees regarding the PFAS-contaminated wells be made public so we can have a better understanding of where the communication breakdown occurred? Is/was any publicly voted representative on a board or committee that had prior knowledge about SIA and PFAS found in the airport wells? Again, this would help with our understanding of the communication breakdown.

How much of the firefighting foam and PFAS toxins remain on-site at the SIA? As SIA was not forthcoming in the first place, who will be monitoring SIA to ensure that more PFAS is not released into our water supply? What happens to the contaminated soil and other contaminated masses that will be removed from the site during the clean-up process? Where will it go, and will it continue to pose a risk to others?

Will the SIA release the addresses of any and all off-site testing locations that they used as practice sites or training sites for fighting fires using PFAS?

Is the EPA actively seeking out companies and agencies in our area that have previously used firefighting foam and verifying that it was disposed of properly and is no longer on-site?

Can you provide a best-case and worst-case timeline regarding how long it will take to decontaminate all of the sites contaminated by PFAS?