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Thank you for the public meeting on April 15 regarding the "Agreed Order" and the "Public Participation Plan" for the A Avenue Landfill in the City of Anacortes. It was informative but made me wonder why it was not presented closer to the March 25 opening of the Public Comment Period rather than 8 days before the ending date. That said, the documents seem acceptable and it is appreciated that the "Washington's Cleanup Process" includes multiple additional opportunities for Public Comment.

A significant amount of time has passed since contamination at the site was brought to the attention of the City of Anacortes, Skagit County Public Health and the Department of Ecology. There is some irony that it was community members who, in 2019, raised the alarm about contamination at the site one year before a 10-year post-closure monitoring period was due to end. What happened that the contamination was missed by the involved entities? It is hoped the Remedial Investigation will be more thorough (i.e not just "2 seep" points). And regardless of the findings, I hope a Clean-Up Action Plan will be prepared and followed. Per photos circulated by a concerned citizen, it is clear significant clean-up is in order for protection of the users and the resident animals of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. In advance, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the City and DOE to remedy the situation, and return the site to some semblance of its pre-existing condition. Thank you.