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To: Attn: Boeing Isaacson-Thompson Draft Cleanup Action Plan
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From: Site Assessment and Toxicology Section
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RE: Boeing Isaacson-Thompson Draft Cleanup Action Plan

Date: 19 November 2024

The Department of Health (DOH) has reviewed the Boeing Isaacson-Thompson Draft Cleanup Action Plan. We are pleased to see another cleanup action in the Duwamish River.

DOH would encourage the Department of Ecology to coordinate sampling efforts with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to monitor potential off-site impacts associated with the cleanup. While DOH acknowledges that the probability of human health impacts due to these activities are low, we recommend that they be monitored to ensure data are available.

DOH recommends that fish tissue monitoring for resident species and non-resident salmonids occur during and after the in-water work associated with shoreline excavation and bulkhead removal. It is not uncommon for contaminant concentrations in fish tissue to temporarily increase during remediation activities and fish consumption is the primary exposure route for humans to contamination in the waterway.

DOH looks forward to working with the Department of Ecology on evaluating fish tissue data and other relevant data sets generated during this process for the health and safety of Washingtonians.

Sincerely,

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