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I would like to provide the following comments to the subject clean-up effort:

1. The scope of this effort should be comprehensive in nature and not limited to a remediation. Please insure that this will be a complete clean-up and resolution of this egregious act by Paine Field and Snohomish County and not a problem passed forward to future generations. This entire effort should be funded by Paine Field and Snohomish County.
2. Detailed water quality testing which would include chemical and biological content should be performed multiple times per year (quarterly) to insure that the aforementioned clean-up was successful. This monitoring should last for several years and, again, be funded by Paine Field and Snohomish County.
3. The past and future impacts to salmon should be completely understood and resolved. The stream that runs through Big Gulch is a salmon stream which has been under attack over the decades. This PFAS clean-up effort should be used to improve the situation in Big Gulch and any other stream outflows from or near the pollution clean-up site.
4. The Tulalip Tribe should be engaged as an equal partner in this effort. They have restoration efforts planned at the outfall of Big Gulch into Puget Sound.
5. No further development efforts at Paine Field, particularly on the westside should be considered for permitting and approval until this clean-up issue is complete and multi-year water testing has confirmed as much. Paine Field has applied for permits through the Washington State Department of Ecology for the filling of two acres of wetlands to facilitate the Paine Field West Side Aerospace Complex. These wetlands drain directly into Big Gulch. How can the Department of Ecology ever approve this destruction and then expect to understand the baseline chemical and biological status of the drainage outfall below the Paine Field Fire Training Pit clean-up site? I do not believe they can and some disciplined science should be brought to this effort.
6. Please insure that the clean-up plan includes a detailed understanding of water flow both above and below ground so that the potential geographical range of the PFAS impacts is completely understood.
7. As this clean-up plan progresses, I believe there should be regular community meetings planned in Mukilteo to status interested parties in the progress.
8. If possible, please engage community groups in the clean-up process. For example, water quality and biological testing.