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Thank you Ecology, state Dept of Health, Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, Emergency Mgmt & Superfund office, and EWU-Dr. Pritchard for your excellent work. The 7 years of denial and cover-up by SIA and a county commissioner are reprehensible. Any future requests for delays should be denied.

I am concerned about families still unaware of the health dangers from PFAS.

Since the current plan to hire "navigators" to go door to door to assess residents' awareness of PFAS does not seem to be working, I wonder if a mailing (using the assessor's data base and return address to get their attention) could be sent out with a postage paid return card with a few boxes to check: "I do not know what PFAS is" "I am not aware of any contamination problems with my well water" "My well has been tested and I submitted the results to the Dept. of Ecology" etc.

After a month, residents who did not respond would receive a phone call (does the County match phone numbers w/properties?), then follow-up to schedule a well test. Perhaps Fire District staff, the Health Dept. and volunteers from the West Plains Water Coalition, etc. could assist.

The goal should be PFAS data for every well likely to be contaminated, regardless of boundaries, then the either Fairchild or SIA must respond.