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Attn: Jeremy Schimidt
Spokane International Airport PFAS Site Manager
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Eastern Regional Office

Re: Spokane International Airport PFAS site

March 9, 2026

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Natural Resources Department appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Agreed Order and related Public Participation Plan for the site referred to as the Spokane International Airport PFAS site, Facility Site ID 6332493. As you are aware, this site is part of our shared aboriginal territory, and is in close proximity to Hangman Creek and the Spokane River, where we are currently engaged in full-scale efforts to restore historic smlich (salmon) populations that once sustained our people for millennia.

Given the growing understanding of the threat to public health posed by PFAS as a forever chemical, we appreciate the efforts by Department of Ecology to move quickly and aggressively to hold the potentially liable parties (PLPs) accountable through the Agreed Order, and the supporting public participation plan.

As the remedial investigation, feasibility study, and interim clean-up actions move forward, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe looks forward to continued opportunities to discuss our concerns with Ecology regarding human and ecological health impacts, and will be particularly interested in better understanding groundwater/surface water interactions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 686-1009 or caj.matheson@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

Caj Matheson
Director