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See attached

I want to take a minute to share my thoughts about the recent PFAS filter and water jug handout OPEN House held May 9th at WTE Plant parking lot 10-2pm.

I want to Thank Wa DOE for opportunity to comment

- The First notice I received any notice about the Open House event was May 5th about 6pm by email from a neighbor, Normally I receive this kind of information via email directly from DOE,SRHD, WPWC and others as sending parties . The following day May 6 was a little media splash on tv, this provided at best a 4day notice of the event, to be held on a weekend filled with regional college graduations and other pre committed events for many family's where calendars fill up weeks in advance. There should be at minimum a two week advance notice delivered to affected parties so planning can occur on our ends too. Also, a standard method we can expect communication as affected citizens needs to be established and adhered to as well. The above demonstrated this was a last minute planned event which should not be the case with proper planning .
- Listed as OPEN House, I was hopeful that some elected Spokane County and City Officials and Airport Officials would be in attendance to show this is an important matter they are taking seriously and could answer publics questions or simply discus the contamination matter, Not surprising but very disappointing not a single one was in attendance at the time I witnessed .
- In line at the city tent I found my family was eligible for a Water filter pitcher and 2 blue 5 gallon camping water jugs with spouts. Also information about how I could sign up to get a water account setup so City can bill me for water should I choose to fill my jug at the Garden springs fill station. Wow how is it I get my water contaminated by Government parties, but if I choose to get clean drinking water from them, I will get billed too. This was very disturbing of how this is handled.

Even more disturbing as I witnessed the elderly couple in line behind me in a wheel chair and both in their 80s. How is it expected of them and many others to lug around a 5gallon camping jug, filling, loading, unloading, carrying in house, putting water spigot tube on jug just to fill a glass of water to drink from? This is something you do when camping not daily routine.

Aside from the filling and load/unload, carrying, just the fact of pouring from the jug alone is too burdensome and dangerous for someone of their age and ability's.

Likely many parties already have (Culligan or similar) 5 gallon dispensers and for some elderly maybe they down sized to a 2 ½ gallon version which makes more tolerable for weight restricted folks or maybe a family member can help setup the jug that will last a few days before changeout is needed . In either case fairly EASY and SAFE dispensing method for all. This needs addressing!

For those that need clean drinking water it needs to be delivered regularly to them as was before. Costs of delivered water will be minuscule in the grand scheme of remediation/cleanup costs

- Lastly this event checked a “required box” of STIAP for PLPS as a “Open House” by the label, but in my opinion certainly not by information /items distributed /shared /discussed and with whom. Infact very disappointing that a first ever event of its nature from PLPs communicating with affected parties did not demonstrate trust building environment, simply here is a bone !

Thank you Ecology for considering my point of view and addressing as we all attempt forward motion.