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To the Washington Department of Ecology

Vector Services is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Washington-based HydroVac contractor serving utilities, municipalities, and private infrastructure projects across the region. We write to underscore the importance of facilities like Looker Properties' Frederickson (Canyon Rd) Pit for the safe, lawful, and efficient management of clean hydro-excavation material

Hydro-excavation uses clean, high-pressure water and vacuum to safely excavate around underground infrastructure. The resulting spoil is native soil plus water—no different in composition from mechanically excavated soil, aside from moisture content.

We strictly segregate materials. Any spoil from storm or sanitary systems, oil/water separators, catch basins, or material exhibiting sheen is excluded from reclamation sites like Looker and is directed to specialized decant/processing facilities.

Public safety and reliability:

Many jurisdictions require HydroVac for worker safety and utility protection. Reliable, lawful outlets for clean HydroVac soil are essential to deliver power, water, sewer, gas, and storm projects, as well as emergency repairs during major storm events. In short when the lights go out we make sure they come back on.

Capacity and efficiency:

Decant/processing facilities that handle contaminated slurries are not designed for the large volumes of clean soil generated by HydroVac work. Diverting clean soils there would overwhelm capacity, slow critical projects, and add cost without environmental benefit.

Synopsis

I know that government agencies are separate from each other, but we all pay taxes the same.

When one agency says you must use Vac truck and the next agency is shutting down disposal sites don't make a lot of sense, in my 28 years of experience this is an ongoing problem.

At this point the main disposal sites are at the south end of pierce county and the north end of Snohomish County, if we continue this path we will be working in Tacoma and dumping in Eastern Washington.



We are all consumers of the utilities in Western Washington, and we need to be able to work on them.

The amount of available disposal in Western Washington is unacceptable for native soil, King County where a lot of the work happens has little to nothing as far as disposal goes.

Please do not shut down this facility to give us the opportunity to fix any issues you are having.

We pay taxes, you pay taxes, it's up to us to find a solution and it cannot be to close the available sites which are few and far between.

Just about every RFP, or IFB today has potholing requirements in it, the government agencies can't require HydroVac on one hand then close all the places available to dispose of it on the other, we need your help for solutions not heavy-handed regulation.

In my 3 decades of doing this I've only seen it one way and that is the closure of many pits that except this material. People its DIRT & WATER! If the water is good enough for human consumption it should be good enough to go back to the ground, I can't imagine you would disagree. If you do, your problem isn't with the disposal sites it's with the water departments, **another government agency!**

Sincerely,

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