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Selenium at .75 mg/kg, and Method 7741 Establishing a POL for Silver at . Emg/kg? (Memorandum 3, HEARINGS OFFICE Table II, at p.7; Ex. B. to Lucia Decl.

The Port generally alleges that "scientific calculations" utilizing a back-calculating approach derive safe soil contaminant levels for the protection of water quality. Port Brief at 20. However, the analysis, calculations and tables of DOE's own expert, Chung Yee, show that for some contaminants the 3-phase "back-calculating" model for deriving soil contamination levels for the protection of surface and ground water would require contaminant levels much <u>lower</u> than those allowed by the Amended Certification. Eglick Decl., Ex. J (Email from Ecology's Chung Yee). For example, Mr. Yee calculated that in order to protect groundwater only 5.79 mg/kg of Antimony should be allowed, yet the Certification allows approximately 3 times that much Antimony (16 mg/kg). *Id.* Similarly, Mr. Yee calculated that only 2.92 mg/kg of Arsenic should be allowed in order to protect groundwater. *Id.* Thus, at maximum, Ecology should have set the Arsenic level at natural background (7mg/kg) rather then the 20 mg/kg allowed in the Certification.

That the revised Certification sets the level of acceptable contamination too high for purposes of ensuring water quality and protecting plants and animals is clear from Ecology's own Toxics Cleanup Program senior environmental engineer, Peter Kmet, quoted by ACC in our opening brief. *See* Memo in Support of Motion for Stay at 19 and Exs. G and H of First Eglick Decl. In response, Ecology was only able to obtain from Mr. Kmet a two-page declaration, which we urge the Board to scrutinize carefully for what it does -- and does not -- say. Mr. Kmet's declaration only cautions that his emails "should not be construed to conclude that the acceptable fill criteria . . . <u>are or are not</u> protective of water quality." Kmet Decl. at ¶ 3 (emphasis added).

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