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From: Peck, Norm
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To: Alexander, Steve (ECY); Hellwig, Raymond
Cc: Abbett, Marian L.; Gibbs, Molly
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Hi, Steve and Ray. I think we in the TSP project need to understand the rationale for allowing elevated levels of metals, especially lead and arsenic, in the fill for the 3rd Runway at SeaTac Airport. This was raised by the City of Burien as a sensitive issue within that community that is likely to be raised as we begin the education process about the wide-area contamination in the SW King County mainland. If it's of concern to Burien, it may be sensitive in other communities in the vicinity as well (e.g. SeaTac, Normandy Park, Tukwila).

We were quite careful, in responding and negotiating with Lone Star/Glacier NW on conditions of the EIS, to assure that no arsenic would be exported from the Maury Island gravel pit under the pit expansion EIS. While this did not satisfy the residents of Vashon and Maury Island, it was designed to assure that arsenic contamination associated with surface soils at the pit were not exported to fill sites, as well as assuring that environmental and potential human health impacts on the island(s) were mitigated.

Any insight you could provide would be appreciated. I presume for your parts that would primarily involve pointing me toward the Ecology staff making decisions about allowable levels of As and Pb in 3rd runway fill.

Thanks,

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