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How do I even begin to comment regarding the new application? The only correct way is to say this time the questions are all answered, the document is signed, and the complete disregard of superior court findings and directives have been ignored.

The manager of WM has stated numerous times throughout the application that the county has been using the expansion site liberally for years. The protected habitat is routinely cleared. The county continues to crush huge amounts of cover concrete onsite. The county continues to stock pile without any seepage protection of any kind on both the current LPL and the expansion site. NIOSH has documented the hazards of Silicosis via CDC and remarks were made and filed in the previous hearing regarding the threat to surface and ground waters. The crushed stockpiled materials are subjected to the high winds that blow mostly out of the west directly towards myself and four other residences. When the huge Northeast storms and winds arrive the dust blows to the residences lying in the Ellensburg direction. Not only is

there airborne contamination, the dust covers the soil and seeps into all water both directions.

The County through Waste Management, DOE, Department of Health, have been approving these practices as “best management” for over twenty years. This is only one of many current practices that quite frankly is insane. The complete disregard of permitting the expansion site for removal of habitat, using the land as a disposal “holding” site without studies, liner, permitting, evaluation, preventative measures, restoration, or even monitoring leaves me speechless. No other company or private citizen would ever have the gall to proceed with their project ignoring zoning, regulations, obvious hazards, destruction of the environment and habitats, native sites, and leaving lasting biohazards in their wake.

Although the County has attached numerous monitoring and site studies NONE OF THEM PERTAIN TO THE EXPANSION. Over and over the statements are made linking monitoring of the MSW Balfill, closed by directives from the Federal Government, to the expansion and current LPL. The monitoring, soil studies, water monitoring, geology, seepage and pathway of ground water, species, and the rest of the documentations for this CU are all irrelevant as they are not specific to this permit application. This was indeed the Superior Court ruling prior to re submission of this CU permit.

I'm at a loss why the County is once again ignoring the forty years of past practice that has left devastating impacts to the open spaces chosen as their dumping ground. Forty years and still monitoring the effects of the MSW. We

haven't even begun the devastation of the twenty years of layer upon layer of "cover materials", concrete, piled in the current LPL.

Let's give back the land. The County has made a return on their investment of 450 acres they mismanage. Do the right thing and return the land to open space. Rehabilitate and allow the WDFW or other pro habitat agencies to try and restore the sites to recreation and protection.