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DoE Releases Thousands of Documents

Following months of foot dragging, game playing and brinksmanship, Washington State Department of Ecology (DoE) releases thousands of pages of documents detailing BNSF's Skykomish monitoring well program.

Documents had been requested from both DoE and The Town of Skykomish (ToS) due to mounting concerns that cleaned up properties were already being re-contaminated (No reply to these public documents requests from ToS).

DoE insisted the day before the release that we pay \$1,257.13 for the documents. We declined this outrage, but never the less, 24 hours later, these same docs were delivered at No Charge.

While DoE had been maintaining that much time was needed to assemble so many docs, the fact is the most current had actually been available since February 21, 2011 and others as long ago as 2009 and 2010.

It immediately became apparent why DoE and others wouldn't want this information to see the light of day. The monitoring well program appears specifically designed to obfuscate actual re-contamination issues.

Our initial exam reveals serious issues exist. As this unfolds, **We believe it's going be downright UGLY!**

This is merely the latest example of the fox being put in charge of guarding the hen house. **The Town and DoE are allowing BNSF to conduct the very monitoring well program that is supposed to ensure our safety and the railroad's compliance.**

The **BIG** question: Why aren't Mayor and Council aware of this issue and what do they now intend to do to protect Town and Citizen properties, ensuring that we aren't just putting new streets, curbs, sidewalks and grass over newly re-contaminated soil?

This latest example of **Town officials appearing to operate in BNSF's interests to the detriment of the Town and Citizens is unconscionable.** In the meantime, BNSF's Bruce Sheppard is being named an 'Honorary Citizen of Skykomish'. Does this look a bit incestuous?

It's time to pull back the blanket and let sunlight in to disinfect the stench.