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## Old landfill in Stevenson Washington 5/15/2024

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Wed, May 15, 2024 at 10:14 AM

Good morning, Skamania county Commissioners and City of Stevenson Council Members.

I am writing to you today as a member of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the ongoing cleanup of the superfund site called Bradford Island located at Bonneville dam. I have concerns regarding the disposal of old construction waste into the old landfills in Stevenson from the early 1960s until around 1978. I believe this may be contributing to the orange water issue I have been discussing for years, without any response from the county.

As a RAB member, I am requesting any old photos of the landfill and any documents related to the monitoring or mitigation of this site or just knowledge of how many old landfill pits were in this area . From my research over the last 6-7 years, I have not found any evidence that the county has applied for any grant money to help monitor or start a mitigation plan for this old landfill.

At this point, I truly believe it would be in everyone's best interest to work with me on this matter, as it could be a great opportunity to become involved in the Superfund cleanup project and receive money for mitigation and monitoring of this old toxic landfill. It is going to take relocating the old monitoring wells that were used at one point then were no longer used for whatever reason as I have never seen any reports stating no further monitoring or clean up is needed at this site from Washington State Department of Ecology unless you have a document showing that "no further action is needed" At that site I have not seen one yet.

If we take a moment and step back to consider where all the trash from Bonneville Dam went between 1960 and 1978, the only logical conclusion is that it went to the nearest landfill. It likely ended up in the Stevenson landfill or one of the three landfills in Cascade Locks. This presents a significant opportunity to act responsibly and acknowledge that the old landfill in Stevenson could have a much larger impact on our environment and human health than previously acknowledged.

My email for questions on the old landfill of clean up work on bradford island is.  
[bradfordislandcleanup2024@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordislandcleanup2024@gmail.com)

Thanks for your time and as a RAB member I hope to hear from you soon.

**Please add to public comment in the next city council meeting and the next BOCC meeting**

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