

Responses to Comments in Letter 11 from Patti Mullin, Bellingham Resident

Note: The responses listed below are numbered to correspond to the numbers shown in the right-hand margin of the preceding comment letter.

1. Please see Letter 3, Response to Comment 1 for a discussion of the human health considerations associated with air quality standards and Letter 3, Response to Comment 2 for a discussion of air quality impacts in the Lower Fraser Valley.

As noted in Letter 3, Response to Comment 1, ambient air quality standards are established at levels that conservatively protect human health. In addition, as discussed in Letter 3, Response to Comment 2, the air emissions attributable to the proposed facility would constitute a small proportion of the overall emissions resulting from other sources of pollutants in the region, most notably automobiles.

2. The commentator was one of several who expressed concern about risks to the Sumas aquifer posed by the 2.5-million-gallon diesel fuel tank that would be used for storage of a backup fuel supply. The response to this comment is provided in General Response H.

The diesel tank has been designed with numerous safeguards to prevent contamination of the aquifer (Exhibit 27, Applicant's Prefiled Direct Testimony, Witness # 8, Michael Woltersdorf).

3. Thank you for your comments.