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Re: Erickson Logging Mine Trench Filling Application and the DDES Project File No.: L08CG060

Please consider this the formal response of the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) to the published neighborhood review as we represent collectively the Rural Neighborhoods of Ravensdale and the surrounding area. Our concerns are basically traffic and its noise and environmental issues in the Ravensdale Area.

#### **24- Hr Operation**

We formally object to a 24-hr operation in this quiet Rural neighborhood. This area has endured 7 years of truck traffic along the Kent-Kangley Rd. during the exporting of gravel from the pit just east of the town for the Sea-Tac Airport project.

#### **Monitoring of On Site Fill**

This project, if allowed to take place, must necessarily meet the Department of Ecology (DOE) Standards for Storm Water Protection. This includes hiring an accredited CESCL (certified erosion and sediment control lead) and implementing the DOE standards required for any construction site over 1 acre. This should include a full Construction Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan (CSWPPP) as required by DOE on all clearing and grading and building permits. We would expect this would include on-site monitoring of the type of material being dumped, monitoring of any sediment leaving the site, and monitoring of any storm water leaving the site and infiltrating into the storm water system. Both Buck Lake and Ravensdale Lake are at risk here, as well as several on site streams.

#### **Correction of Current Conditions**

We expect the present storm water problems be corrected before any work begins. It is a fact that major storm water run-off invades Ravensdale Way during a major rain event each fall and winter. It is our understanding that King County has the maintenance agreement with the present owners of the Reserve Silica Sandpit to do this work and we would like a meeting with DDES staff to explain what measures of protection are being implemented.

#### **SEPA Shortfalls**

**Traffic:** The SEPA report is inconsistent about how many load trips/day are going to be implemented. Is it 25-30 or 100 trips/day? It is our estimation that it is closer to 100 trips/day over 3 years. Also, what is the route of travel? We strongly suggest a round trip through Black Diamond and not through the town of Ravensdale. The Ravensdale route will require a sharp turn onto Ravensdale Way or a turn-off through the Ravensdale Park both of which present major safety concerns.

**Noise:** Only Phase 1, the least of total construction process, is addressed in Erickson's analysis. Also, there is no formal assessment of the use of compression braking that will take place on the steep slopes of the site or up-hill travel carrying truck and trailer loads. It is unacceptable for this kind of noise to occur at night. A 6 AM to 9 PM shift would be more tolerable.

**Timber Growth:** A more refined and scientific explanation of how this operation will *support* future timber growth, as they state, is needed. This should be backed up with scientific research and data.

We feel these answers are imperative before granting of any clear and grading permit by DDES. It is the responsibility of DDES to protect us according to Titles 17, 20, and 21 of the King County Code.

Sincerely,

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