



Date: October 18, 2023  
To: King County Councilmembers  
Subject: Reserve Silica History  
Ref: October 8, 2023, GMVUAC Letter to King County Department of Local Services, Permitting Division (KC DLS-P): [Reserve Silica Environmental Emergency](#)

The Reserve Silica Corporation and its old mining site in Ravensdale—currently under extended “reclamation”—has a very long questionable [History](#) going back ~100 years with many problems at its old mining site, some not always resolved.

Looking at its [Recent \(2021-2023\) History](#) provides details leading up to the current environmental emergency at its old mining site discussed in the referenced October 8, 2023, letter.

We believe this history and its complex intricacies are important to any final resolutions to the current environmental emergency at the site going forward. It also could help inform any potential legal actions against and/or financial penalties imposed on the Reserve Silica Corporation.

Finally, we believe its [Recent \(2021-2023\) History](#), which represents but one glaring example, should help inform the Council as it contemplates potential changes to the KC DLS-P’s:

*Mission Statement and definition of Customers,  
Organizational Structure by Product Line, and  
Budget that greatly limits enforcement of Code and imposed permit Conditions.*

Thank you.

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