

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-312

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AN AGREED ORDER WITH
THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR THE FORMER TECT
LEASE AREA ON PAINE FIELD AIRPORT

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Airport has been investigating environmental contamination at the Former Tect Lease Area since the early 1990's with Remedial Investigation (RI) reports submitted to the Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021, the Airport submitted a request to enter the Department of Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The VCP program provides oversight of straight forward typical cleanup actions; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2022, Ecology provided written notice that the Airport was a Potentially Liable Party (PLP) for the environmental contamination at the former Tect lease area; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, Ecology formally terminated Airport's enrollment in the VCP and deemed the site too complex and an Agreed Order (AO) would be required; and

WHEREAS, the Airport, with assistance of its attorneys, has negotiated an Agreed Order with the Department of Ecology that requires the County to undertake all actions for remedial work; and

WHEREAS, the Airport is responsible to reimburse Ecology staff hours worked on the AO which is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves and authorizes the Snohomish County Executive to sign an Agreed Order with the Department of Ecology and pay appropriate reimbursement costs.


PASSED this 23rd day of August, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council