

I live in Whatcom county and am very concerned about the pollution from coal.

This paper, (#1 attachment) was authored by the US Geological Survey. It is a compilation of analytical tests done in the major part of the Powder River Coal country from 1974 thru 1994. Maps are shown also.

It shows the low, average, and a higher range of each metal etc. found including uranium and arsenic. The highest amount they found was uranium at 12 ppm and arsenic at 19 ppm. Both these seemed very high to me. The Washington EPA says cleans up arsenic in a residential setting to the max of 20 ppm. Washington state already has a natural background of 7 ppm. So these numbers seem very high to add to the land and water.

Also salmon can be effected by even small amounts of uranium.

Please study this.

The report is online at

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/p1625a/Chapters/PQ.pdf>