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## Fwd: <External>Got a Few Questions

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**Lauren Sharp**  
To: Lauren Sharp

Fri, Jan 10, 2020 at 7:45 PM

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**From:** Steven Crime  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 10, 2020 at 5:09 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: <External>Got a Few Questions  
**To:** Lauren Sharp  
**Cc:** Ron Lafond, Shells Karle, Laura Mondro, Jim Welton, Susan Kapsis

Hi Lauren,

I sent Fred an e-mail early this morning about washing the trucks. His response is that the builders have not experienced any contaminated soil; therefore, they are washing the trucks tires to reduce the dirt on our streets and using the street sweeper to also help address the problem of dirt that falls from the bed of the trucks (which is the residue of the fill coming from a certified contaminant-free quarry). The trucks are not carrying any soil from the site and are empty as they leave. It's good news that they haven't experienced any contaminated soil during the fill operation. I have heard that the trucks are exceeding the speed limit and I'll pass that along to Fred.

Regards,  
Steve

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Robertson, Fred"  
**Subject:** RE: <External>Got a Few Questions  
**Date:** January 10, 2020 at 3:15:33 PM EST  
**To:** Steven Crime  
**Cc:** Ron Lafond

Steve,

That approach would have been utilized only if needed. We've not encountered any contaminated soils needing this type of containment. We're only encountering surface soils. Additionally, because we're bringing clean soils in, we don't expect to encounter soils needing this level of containment.

**Fred Robertson III**  
**WMATA Project Manager – Potomac Yard**

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**From:** Steven Crime  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** Robertson, Fred  
**Cc:** Ron Lafond  
**Subject:** Re: <External>Got a Few Questions

Hi Fred,

We never expected the entire truck to be washed, but we were told that trucks would depart the work site via a wheel washing system that cleaned the wheels and underside of the truck and captured the dirty water into tanks to avoid contaminating the ground water. The water would then be pumped into tanks so that any contaminated dirt would settle out and be hauled away to an appropriate dump site. Here's the note I wrote to the community after we heard from you and Jeff:

An update to the "Environmental" synopsis I provided about the Community Meeting relates to washing of truck tires before trucks leave the construction site. A question arose about the impact of washing contaminated soil off truck tires and then letting the runoff drain into the soil. The WMATA and construction reps said they are not permitted to allow runoff to drain into the soil where it could contaminate the groundwater. The runoff from the tire washing is collected into tanks and hauled away to designated disposal sites. At this point we don't know what type of tire washing station will be used. However, here is a general overview of the types of tire washing stations: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheel\\_washing\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheel_washing_system)

So, is this still the plan?

Steve

On Jan 10, 2020, at 12:51 PM, Robertson, Fred wrote:

The mud in the wheels are the only thing that gets washed, not the entire vehicle. It was never the plan that the entire vehicle be washed, that's not common practice. The street sweeper was also part of the plan regardless, due to the likelihood that some dirt would be falling from the trucks beds as they were leaving the site.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Fred Robertson III  
WMATA Project Manager – Potomac Yard

-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Crime  
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 7:37 AM  
To: Robertson, Fred  
Cc: Ron Lafond  
Subject: <External>Got a Question

Hi Fred,

I have a question for you:

The trucks leaving the work site are not being washed. Rather, there's a street sweeper at the site that periodically cleans up the street. This is a change from what we were told earlier that trucks would be washed before leaving the site. Why the change?

Thanks for your help on these issues.

Regards,  
Steve