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While we take all claims very seriously, we cannot respond to vague, non-specific and unsubstantiated allegations.

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Good Morning,

We have recently completed a series of interviews with a former Quality Assurance Inspector from the PCP in Aberdeen and he raises several questions regarding the integrity of the construction process and the ultimate reliability of the first six pontoons. Here are the main points he makes:

Specifically this inspector says

1. He witnessed structural deficiencies on a daily basis such as rebar being placed without the proper clearances, rebar that was the incorrect size, concrete that was seriously weakened because of pouring during heavy rainstorms changing the water to cement ratio.
2. In one case he says Kiewit's on-site concrete superintendent tried to stop a concrete pour due to heavy rain but was overruled by the corporate office.
3. He says he was continually told NOT to write non-compliance reports when he says conditions warranted them - against inspector requirements.
4. Additionally he says he saw on a daily basis that when these structural issues were called to Kiewit's attention that, rather than fixing them, Kiewit would "just bury the work" in other words pour concrete on it to cover it up.

5. He says that on a regular basis, records were "falsified" in that people signed off stating that work was done per plan and specifications when it was not - and he called that falsified.

6. He says that rather than WSDOT calling the shots, Kiewit instead pushes WSDOT around.

7. And finally, he says that these pontoons will make any future bridge unsafe.

Many of these issues are corroborated by internal WSDOT emails. What is WSDOT and Kiewit's response to these allegations and is anyone from either organization willing to conduct an on-camera interview with us to address these issues. Our deadline for an on-camera interview is Thursday.

I hope to hear back from both of you shortly.

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