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Ms. Kerry Graber
Washington State Dept. of Ecology
P.O. Box 47775
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Re: Public Comment of Feasibility Study for cleanup
Occidental Chemical Contamination of Hylebos Waterway and
Surrounding Sedimentary Plume

Dear Ms. Graber:

This is a public comment from myself, as a citizen of Pierce County Washington, to oppose the position of Occidental Chemical in their attempt to minimize their response and contribution to the extremely large and highly concentrated toxicity which they released into the environment.

The manner in which they conducted their operations during the time period in which this release was initially created, and continued unabated for a long period of time, was designed by Occidental to maximize their profit, and ignore their environmental responsibility. Their deferment, greed, and willful inaction caused this almost unimaginable damage to environment.

They already received the full profits associated with their operations. Now it is time for them to take full responsibility for the damage they have caused. To simply buy their way out by means of compensation, and or partial remediation without full remedial action, is unacceptable. They have plenty of money to fully fund a full remediation and restoration to the status quo ante, and they should be held to such action.

To allow the remediation and restoration to accept anything less than 100% restoration would be unacceptable because it would reward them for their willful blind eye to this which they were accepting full profits with 20/20 eyesight. Less than 100% restoration would also punish the citizens of the State of Washington, and place a State imprimatur on a lesson that "Cutting corners and doing business as a polluter is more profitable because if you get caught you won't have to pay for the full damage you cause." This is unacceptable to the citizens hopefully also to the state leadership in our great State of Washington.

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