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Re: Public Comments on Feasibility Study, Occidental Chemical Corp. Superfund Cleanup

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide comments on the Occidental Chemical Superfund cleanup, the worst contamination left in Commencement Bay.

My name is Rick Semple and I live at the foot of the Foss Waterway, in the Dome District. in Tacoma.

The Foss was the last superfund site cleaned up in Tacoma. The difference the clean up has made is impossible to put into words....We now-after the clean up, have hundreds of new apartments and condos, restaurants and businesses all vying to be on the water; the clean water of the Puget Sound.

My wife and I won the City of Destiny award last year for Economic Development, we won because we believe in the waterfront and the proximity of the city of Tacoma to its waterfront heritage. Unless we have this site cleaned up to superior levels, we jeopardize that distinction that Tacoma currently is both proud and rightfully boastful of.

The facts of the contamination from Occidental are known and factual, it seems that the only questions left to resolve are how much we Tacomans will accept the *gestures* of Occidental Chemical as opposed to demanding that they completely CLEAN UP THEIR MESS...

I propose that we demand that they clean up their contamination to the "maximum extent practicable"

They have greatly profited from their business here, they continue to advertise on their web site and in print that they are environmentally progressive and environmentally proactive...

This is the place where they can prove that promise: reverse the hypocrisy they can clean up their past pollution and claim this as a proud achievement from a lesson learned. Please require them to quickly and without withholding funds and while giving assurance of future funding, start to address the MOST effective and complete cleanup possible. Corporations are people, and as people we know they will do the right thing and not shirk in their civic duty. It is our job to make them do whatever it requires to remove and reverse the negative impact their profit making operation has had on Commencement Bay.

Please demand this of them.

Thank you,

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