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Kerry

I wanted to make a few points about the Occidental Chemical proposed cleanup option. As a long time citizen of Tacoma, I am extremely upset with the plan being proposed to clean up one of the worst toxic dumping ground left in the United States. We do not want to co-exist with a Super Fund site next to our neighborhood. This land was once a pristine tide flats that actually had healthy fish and wildlife. Currently, it is unsafe for feast or fowl. The fish are full of growths and no one would dare eat them. It would be nice if in my lifetime or even my children's lifetime the water in the Hylebos was safe enough to enter and swim. The public entrusted industry with the land in order to build a facility. We now trust you to insure that we receive it back in as close to natural condition as possible. That is our right and Occidental's obligation.

I think "Drano" has the same pH as the toxic plume being tracked. It should never be allowed to remain a threat to the environment. The toxic and carcinogenic plume is an accident waiting to happen. We already have an abnormally high cancer rate in Tacoma, probably due to other sites like this one. It has to stop.

Other options can clean up about double the amount they are proposing. It is their responsibility to insure it is as good as it can be. They need to be a good neighbor and return something that was borrowed back, in at least as good of a condition as it was in when they borrowed it. The 43% clean up proposal is a ridiculously low offer and should be refused. Let them know that we will demand from them and any other long time polluter, the best cleanup possible. They should not be able to spoil the land for huge profits and be able to walk away without paying the penalty of a cleanup.

Thanks

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