

# Kiri Kreamer

Good morning,

Please see my comments about the proposed Occidental Clean up. Contact me for questions, or if you have issues opening the attached document.

Act for us, the concerned citizens. Demand that Occidental do a COMPLETE clean up of their mess. Act for the oca, salmon, eelgrass, and marine invertebrates! Tacoma deserves better than a slip shod 'clean up'.

Thank you for your time.

-Kiri Kreamer

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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 Kirsten Kreamer, a lifelong resident of Western Washington, a marine biologist and mother. I am deeply concerned about toxic contamination from the Occidental Chemical Corporation, as it will affect everything I hold dear, including *clean water and air for my children*.

The contamination from Occidental is staggering. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of toxic, cancer-causing chemicals are spread under the site, the Hylebos Waterway, and potentially Commencement Bay. The pollution is so bad, it actually dissolves rock into jelly.

In order to cut costs, Occidental Chemical Corporation is setting the stage to be able to walk away from this mess without a comprehensive cleanup. Occidental is proposing a cleanup plan that would leave nearly two thirds of their pollution in the ground – highly toxic pollution right underneath a vulnerable aquatic ecosystem. **In order for salmon to utilize the Puget Sound, the Department of Ecology must hold Occidental accountable and hold them to a complete cleanup.**

**This is absolutely not acceptable - this is not acceptable for me, for my family, for my community, or for my environment. Tacoma deserves more.**

We cannot afford to let Occidental walk away from their mess – they must be held accountable for the strongest and quickest cleanup possible. I urge Ecology to choose a cleanup plan that removes as much toxic pollution as possible, as soon as possible. Further, Occidental must create a performance bond, reserve account or an equivalent fund to ensure that cleanup costs will be covered regardless of the company's future financial status. Ecology has the authority to order this via a unilateral order.

Occidental should not be able to argue that it's too big of a mess – they created it and they should clean it up. For the safety of our environment, **Ecology needs to hold Occidental fully accountable for a real cleanup to the "maximum extent practicable" as required by the Model Toxics Control Act.** What Occidental is proposing is unacceptable. *We cannot allow the profits of polluters to outweigh the importance of environmental protection. We must act NOW to ensure the return of salmon to the Puget Sound!!!*

Sincerely,

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