

Tim Valdez

Hello

I'm writing you today about the worst toxic pollution in Commencement Bay - the Occidental superfund site.

I'm shocked and dismayed about the level of destruction that has taken place on this precious waterway. I am appalled to know that such disregard for the waters and lands has resulted in a toxic sludge that eats at the bedrock. This is as serious a disaster as we have ever faced, due to the fact that it can't truly be cleaned up.

This pollution is a serious and ongoing threat to the community, both human and non-human.

I find it unconscionable that industry is allowed, quite consistently, to degrade and destroy the natural environment that is held precious to all people, in the name of economic development and return on investment. They walk away and leave the community holding the bag. It's happening so frequently anymore that it is becoming the norm. But this is unconscionable.

I'm beseeching you, as the oversight agency, to act on my behalf and ensure that Occidental commits to an authentic and meaningful remediation. I am asking you to make sure that they understand the depth of the destruction and inspire them to correct these wrongs with the highest level of expenditure and effort possible.

The return on investment for me, and the community, would be peace of mind knowing that the right things are being done on Commencement Bay to ensure that future generations don't have to worry about this serious threat.

Thank you very much.