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I live at 1004 So Steele in Tacoma. I want to start out by saying, originally we had this magical system of millions and millions of salmon coming in from the ocean, feeding the people with Omega 3, feeding the trees making our trees grow really big and feeding us with oxygen. In just 100 years, we managed to destroy it all. Our indigenous people managed to live with the system in harmony for thousands of years and they are still here. So, in order to honor the people, in order to honor the future, in order to honor the next seven generations we must commit to clean up this site 100%, 41% is not anywhere near. I also want to reiterate a point that has been made already. Puget Sound Energy right now is building a 140 ft. tall tank that will hold 8 million gallons of liquefied natural gas right next door, literally on top of this plume. The entire weight of the tank and the construction, the thousands of pile ons that they will be drilling, it will have an effect and it's unconscionable to let this go on, while this site is not being completely studied or being remediated. We also understand that the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) calls for any liquid fuel facility that holds more than 1 million gallons that State Ecology needs to be the lead agency. Here in Tacoma, Tacoma is the lead agency and our questions have been so technical they can't even answer us. I must have made at least 50 calls to Ecology and the last couple of months, demanding to understand why? The WAC makes it very clear that Ecology needs to be the lead agency. Why the city has been allowed to move forward with it, the city has a conflict of interest with tax money that's going to come their way. It is time to look at Commencement Bay, to look at the entire site in unity not individual projects that we block apart and ignore the entirety of the problems that we have.

Thank you.