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Dear Kerry Graber;

I am a Tacoma resident and a homeowner, and I am deeply concerned about all the pollution in Tacoma. When I moved to Tacoma I was under the impression that the proper clean up was underway. I didn't know about the Occidental mess until recently. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of toxic, cancer-causing, fish-killing chemicals are spread under their site, the Hylebos Waterway, and leaking into the Commencement Bay and under other sites. The pollution is so bad, its dissolves rock.

Occidental Chemical Corp. is proposing to do an incomplete job of cleaning up, leaving almost two thirds of pollution in the ground, in order to cut costs. The chemicals have been constantly spreading underground, leaching into the bay. They have been spreading to other properties and contaminating a huge area. This is absolutely unacceptable! Occidental Chemical made a lot of money off the Tacoma location over the years. They are responsible for the mess they made. The company makes huge amounts of money, last quarter they made \$152 million. They can definitely afford to clean up properly. Do not let them get away with the crime they committed against our city.

I urge Ecology to demand the cleanup that removes all or most of the pollution as soon as possible before more of it leaches into the bay.

Occidental Corp. must clean up not only their site, but everywhere, wherever their chemicals seeped. They must immediately begin to build containment walls and wells with pumps to stop the problem from becoming worse while the options are being considered and studied.

Occidental must create a performance bond, a reserve account or a trust fund to ensure that no matter what happens to the company, the cleanup will be completed. Ecology has the authority to order this via a unilateral order.

Occidental must not be allowed to argue that it's too big of a mess - they made it, and they should clean it up! For the safety of our environment - the bay, the air, the workers at the Port, Ecology needs to hold Occidental fully accountable for a real cleanup to the maximum extent possible by modern science. They must use whatever money necessary to study and research the methods to do a complete cleanup, including the spread of contaminants under ground. They should research all the means available, such as using microbes, underwater filters, etc. Please do not allow the profits of polluters outweigh the importance of environmental protection.

Sincerely,  
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