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I attended the hearing on March 8 at Norpoint. I asked questions and received answers that were of limited use.

The focus for this cleanup must be completing the cleanup as thoroughly and completely as possible. The only limit to the cleanup should be to minimize any negative impacts of the cleanup activities itself – that is, perform cleanup activities to minimize the introduction of pollutants into the environment (water, soil, and air).

The damage that the chemical operations at that site was done over the course of many decades, including long before modern environmental standards were in place. Nevertheless, the damage was done and it must be addressed according to modern standards. Any plan that leaves highly toxic pollution in the ground is not acceptable by modern environmental business standards, not to mention by any reasonable moral standard. Cleanup to the maximum extent practicable should not be limited by any financial consideration.

The cost to Occidental should be COMPLETELY irrelevant. Occidental is a huge and vastly profitable corporation. No amount of cleanup costs will hurt Occidental. Cost/benefit analysis insofar as the costs to Occidental should be almost completely irrelevant. Agreeing to anything less than a full cleanup will be a dereliction of the duty of Ecology.

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