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Concerns related to the cleanup of Occidental Chemical's massive pollution plume on the Hylebos Waterway

I am a Tacoma resident, marine educator, SCUBA Diver, sailor, kayaker, polar plunger, beach cleaner, tidepool explorer, and overall enjoyer of the Puget Sound. Being that I'm on and in the water a lot, and that I deeply care about the wellbeing of the Puget Sound, I am concerned about the contamination that has resulted from the actions of the Occidental Chemical Corporation.

Occidental needs to be held accountable for the most comprehensive and timely cleanup possible. A cleanup plan that removes as much of the toxic pollution plume as possible, as soon as possible is in order. I agree with the Organization, Citizens for a Healthy Bay that, Occidental must create a performance bond, reserve account, or 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.

For the safety of our environment, Ecology should impose the most stringent measures to protect us and the environment from these toxins. Ecology needs to hold Occidental fully accountable for a cleanup that meets the "maximum extent practicable" as required by the Model Toxics Control Act. Please do not let the profits of polluters outweigh the importance of environmental protection. The Tacoma community deserves the most comprehensive cleanup available and the Occidental Chemical Corporation should pay for cleaning up the mess they left us.

Thank you for your consideration.

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