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Hello Kerry

I attended the hearing on this subject at the Norpoint Center in NE Tacoma, and learned more about the situation and OxyChem's proposed solution to clean up the worst contamination in Commencement Bay, and possibly the USA.

My husband and I have lived in Browns Point for nearly 40 years and actively enjoy Commencement Bay, where we live, work and play. This area is an absolute jewel and the cleanup of the Bay is something we have looked forward to for many years. Now that the time is here to finally address this significant pollution, I have to say we were shocked to understand that OxyChem proposes to clean up 40% and walk away from the rest.

This is completely unacceptable. OxyChem needs to clean up the entire 100% of the pollution they created even if they have to address it for many, many years to come. We urge you to not let them off the hook. Our community, our water, our wildlife, our ecosystem deserve better!

To choose the cheapest, only 40% effective remediation plan to address the existing pollution is beyond comprehension. OxyChem is listed as the #1 or #2 company in their industry in terms of profits, yet they choose the cheapest, less than effective plan to clean up their pollution.

I have to say that I think it is ironic (or hypocritical) that on OxyChem's website they tout themselves as 5 time award winners for Responsible Care of the environment where they do business. The criteria for the award (from the American Chemistry Council) includes "leading in ethical ways that benefit society and the environment, that prevent pollution, to make continual progress in no injury or harm to human health or the environment." With the cleanup they have proposed they are not intending to behave according to their own values!!!

Please hold them accountable to their own reputation and make sure they clean up 100% of this mess, as soon as possible, for as long as it takes to get the job done, even if the company closes, sells, or goes bankrupt.

Please choose a cleanup plan for OxyChem that removes as much toxic pollution as possible, as soon as possible. Please also use Ecology's authority to order OxyChem to create a fund to ensure cleanup costs will be covered regardless of the company's future financial status.

Do not let them go back to Texas and leave this toxic mess for others in Tacoma to clean up. They own it, they must clean it up. If they don't have the technology now, they can surely invent it. They are a very profitable company and they can afford this. Do not let them shirk their responsibility. Make them see the value of living up to their own Responsible Care Award criteria.

Our environment here is too precious and irreplaceable to allow anything less.

Thank you so much for your efforts to help inform the public, to help companies like OxyChem do the right thing, and for your dedication to protecting the people, wildlife and environment that we love and call our home. You do very important work and we so appreciate you for it.

Respectfully,  
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