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Re: Public Comments on Feasibility Study, Occidental Chemical Corp. Superfund Cleanup

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the OxyChem site clean up, Thank you.

My Husband and I live and work on the edge of the tide flats at the foot of the Foss Waterway. As a retired Landscape Architect and urban designer as well as, with my husband, developers of commercial/residential properties in this same location, we have watched the City of Tacoma come back from years of toxic perception from the Pulp mills and Asarco Plant and the Superfund Site of the Foss Waterway, only to find out that there was an even more lethal and spreading plume at the Hylebos Waterway that has been spreading now for another 15 years since the cleanup of the Foss.

We promote the Dome District as the best place to build dense housing that uses our local outdoor amenities of Parks, Esplanade, Future Boat House for rowers, dragon boats, outriggers, kayaks and canoes. All of this is water related. This is where the people want to be. We kayak all of the Waterways, as well as Commencement Bay, and since the Hylebos has been known for a long time as having a salmon spawning population going up into Federal Way, it is the most interesting to recreationists.

As the facts come out about the OxyChem site and the general population starts to understand the ramifications of the depth of the plume, this will be very detrimental to Tacoma, to downtown revitalization, to the Dome District's future as a leading urban neighborhood and to us and our neighbors who have been working hard over the last 10 years to create a thriving District in which to live, work and play.

Think of the people of Tacoma when choosing a clean up strategy, not of a very profitable (\$152 million in pre-tax profits in the last quarter!) multinational corporation that is setting the stage to be able to walk away from their responsibility, by proposing a clean up plan that would leave 2/3 of their pollution still in the ground! They must be held accountable for the **full clean up** since it will keep spreading! From the discussion and the Chart given to me I believe the M9, with the highest pollution removed yet not the most expensive, is the way to go. If the technology does not exist for a complete clean up now, the company **must remain liable** for further clean up, with a performance Bond, reserve account or equivalent fund to ensure that the clean up will be covered regardless of the company's future financial status or ownership.

I ask you to do the right thing and hold Occidental Chemical accountable for a full clean up. Thank you,

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