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My name is Dana Deckard and I am a resident of Old Town, North End, Tacoma. I am the head of a household of four and am concerned about the lack of responsibility as proposed by the Occidental Chemical Corp in regards to cleaning up their pollution in and around Commencement Bay.

The future of industry in Tacoma depends on the cooperation and accountability of corporations such as Occidental Chemical Corp. The feasibility draft that suggest partial remediation rather than a more thorough effort sends a strong message to residents. This is not the first time a corporation has damaged our city and our environment. We are living every day with the pollutants left by Asarco and Occidental Chemical Corp is proving themselves to be just as negligent. We want more than half an effort. Speaking for my household, we want to see Commencement Bay cleaned up and the damage to the soil, water, air, and wildlife fully remedied. We want Occidental Chemical Corp and the department of ecology to pursue maximum cleanup efforts. That is, we would like ecology to hold Occidental accountable for cleanup to the maximum extent practicable.

Thank you for this chance to participate and comment. We, as residents of Tacoma, will be looking forward to future opportunities to help decide how industry is allowed to affect our environment and our lives.

With sincere appreciation,
Dana Deckard