

*I need more information regarding this proposal before I can provide an informed comment. Therefore, I have some questions.*

*Is the dioxin contaminated sediment that was dumped at the Cornwall site as part of an alleged interim action also going to be spread onto the RG Hawley site?*

*I imagine that this will be handled similarly to the Cornwall clean-up. Given that the plume is mostly coming from underneath RG Hawley, will that make any difference in how the clean will be handled?*

*Is the RG Hawley site to be used for a parking lot, part of which will be underground? If so, what will be done to ensure that mercury, metals, dioxin and other hazardous waste will not seep through the concrete?*

*I am also unclear on the status of the overwater walkway. I heard it was dead due to a failure to reach agreement with the tribes, but I have also heard that the city talks as if it is still part of the plan. Can you clarify the status on this and if it still exists, how it will be handled in terms of potential penetration of your plastic sheet covering? In the past, I reviewed emails that indicated the port took no responsibility for what happens after the developer is involved.*

*Given the more recent news that Bellingham Bay is the fastest degrading Bay in the entire Puget Sound area, that our Orcas are dying of starvation and the devastating die-off and extremely slow recovery of our keystone sea star species, will impact will this have on clean up plans? Is there someone you will be working with at WDFW on the clean up plan if I have specific questions on wildlife issues? If so, may I have his/her name and contact info?*

*When determining the appropriate clean up plan, will you be considering the cumulative impacts from waterfront development in conjunction with the further development along almost the entirety of the Western Whatcom county coastlines. i.e., the Birch Bay Berm and the Blaine trail system that covers Semiahmoo, Drayton harbor and other important bird areas in this area and the totality of impacts this will have on birds, sea mammals and other species that access marine waters for habitat or other needs?*

*Will you be working directly with the tribes as co-managers of the nearshore this time, which is their appropriate position and right? It was discouraging to read their strong objections to what has been proposed regarding previous waterfront cleanup plans.*

*Has DOE changed its posture regarding the timeline for the cost/benefit analysis beginning only since the arrival of European settlers, which fails to reflect the correct value of tribal treaty rights based on the abundance that existed before the settlers pillaged the land and sea? This greatly reduces the value of tribal reserved rights that need to be considered.*

*Given the increase in rail road traffic, and what is known now about the dangers of exploding train cars full of liquid petroleum gas and many other types of explosive chemicals, will DOE be looking at a more protective approach to cleanup in the event of a derailling/seismic activity, landslide. I suggest you review the distance between the three diesel tanks at Encogen and the railroad tracks.*

*It appear that there will be more people living at the waterfront as a result of recent changes made to Harcourt's development plans. Given this fact, will this impact the cleanup results as it suggests to me a more*

*In the past we were very lucky to have Resources and the North Sound Bay Keeper providing work sessions to help inform the public, but we do not have that anymore. Is there a chance that DOE can provide an earlier and more informal town hall meeting to provide information to the community, far in advance of the comment period ending? Most people care strongly about our shorelines, but do not understand enough about these technical MTCA clean ups to really participate. How can you help us participate in a way that is meaningful?*

*I do have another important question about in situ cleanup involving dioxin. The EPA does not consider this to be permanent and requires that for federal cleanup, the issue be revisited every certain number of years (maybe 4 or 5) to see if there is now better technology for dealing permanent removal of dioxin. However, DOE treats the cap and cover plan for Cornwall and other places along the waterfront that involve cap and cover of dioxin as a permanent clean up. My question is how you are allowed to do this*

*Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response.*