

September 13, 2018

Dear Washington Department of Ecology:

I support thorough and effective cleanup of the former Reynolds Aluminum Site in Cowlitz County, WA. Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) revised draft Cleanup Action Plan and Consent Decree include important changes to protect people, fish and other aquatic life, and wildlife. In particular, I support:

- Ecology's decision to revise the Compliance Monitoring and Contingency Response Plan to include porewater monitoring and contingent sediment bioassays along the Columbia River shoreline adjacent to the former Reynolds Metals Plant to ensure protection of aquatic species.
- Ecology's decision to use a narrative surface water cleanup level of 'no adverse effects on the protection and propagation of fish and other aquatic life' and the requirement that the responsible parties use bioassays to make this demonstration.

I remain concerned that Ecology has not taken steps to ensure that Alcoa and Millennium cleanup the site prior to any redevelopment. Ecology must ensure that site redevelopment does not undermine effective, active cleanup.

Although the former Reynolds site contains complex pollution issues, it remains unclear why cleanup has languished for so long relative to other former aluminum smelters on the Columbia River. Moving forward, I urge Ecology to hold the site's owner, Alcoa, and operator, Millennium, accountable for cleanup.

Sincerely,