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Subject: Bellingham Central Waterfront Cleanup

To Washington State Department of Ecology;

I'm a concerned citizen regarding the clean up of Bellingham's Central Waterfront Site. I believe that the Cleanup Action Plan may be inadequate, as it appears there could be, and should be, more in-depth cleanup within the sites. This applies especially to the smaller, non-continuous spots to the North and South of the already asphalted area.

In the interests of public transparency and due process, there should be *a minimum* of one or two open meetings for more public comment on this important and long lasting action plan. The current proposal leaves too much contaminated soil in the ground by capping instead of removal. Your website says DOE will hold such a meeting if you get 10 request, so please count this among the 10 needed.

Furthermore, due to Bellingham's current political races for City, County and State Representation (the primary is tomorrow), the limited 30-day window for public comment is not enough during this incredibly busy and important time. Something as important to the public health as hazardous waste cleanup should not be hurried through. As such, please hold an extended comment period and open public meetings on this critical issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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