

# Lisa Meyer

Subject: Kaiser Trentwood Toxic cleanup

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

I received information in the mail at my home address in the valley regarding the Kaiser Trentwood Toxic Cleanup proposal. My family has lived in the valley for over 100 years, with my great-granddaughter being 7th generation. I was raised knowing that the river had been poisoned by Idaho mining and Kaiser Aluminum, although I have lived within walking distance of the river near Mirabeau for decades and enjoy its beauty several times a week. I care deeply about environmental policies that affect my river. I also have several family members who are enrolled in some of our regional Native tribes, and we have watched closely the Teck Cominco lawsuit with the Colville Tribe, as well as following the Midnight Mine clean-up and attending public educational forums hosted by the Spokane Tribe.

I am requesting that a similar educational event be held during the period of public comment so that the average person would have a chance to learn about, and research exactly what is planned for the cleanup in our river, and at a time that most people could attend, such as evenings. Additionally, I am requesting an extension of the public comment period to 60 days. It is very important to me that Spokane Valley residents don't take the river for granted, and act responsibly to educate themselves in order to make informed decisions about any legislation that affects the quality of our enjoyment of the river, which is the heart and soul of Spokane and the Rathdrum Prairie.

Full disclosure – I shared the information that was mailed out to several GU faculty in the sciences. Those that checked out the website in the mailing had very little idea about what it all meant, and they had several excellent questions, so it goes without saying that the most people wouldn't have enough background information in order to make informed comments. I ask that you please consider my request for a publicized, educational forum, and an extension of the comment period to 60 days.

Yours Sincerely,

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