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I am Nan Henriksen, lifelong citizen of Camas and former Camas Mayor.

On March 15th I made the following comments to the Camas City Council meeting:

"Almost 40 years ago the Camas City Council and I worked together and took bold action to change our City's vision of itself and tried to ensure long term fiscal viability, focusing on an excellent quality of life for future generations of Camasonians.

Now you have a similar opportunity to alter our City's vision and destiny. Even though the mill property is currently zoned Heavy Industrial, I would be surprised if the City's future vision for that property is for more heavy industrial. If we have a vision for aesthetically pleasing and vibrant mixed use with waterfront access for all in the future, we must ensure NOW that required cleanup of the mill site is adequate and safe for mixed use and not just good enough for more heavy industrial usage. I will do all I can to make sure we keep our options open for a 21st century vision."

Now I'm asking the Department of Ecology to make their Draft Agreed Order and Draft Public Participation Plan more inclusive and fair to the current and future generations of Camas citizens. We need to have an Advisory Group including representatives from the City, Port, Downtown Camas Association and other qualified individuals and groups affected by this Plan. This group should have access to review and comment on key milestones like the sampling plan. Making all the agreements and plans and not having public input until the end of the process may well doom us to a 19th century vision for Camas.

If we have a vision for aesthetically pleasing and vibrant mixed use with waterfront access for all in the future, we must ensure now that required cleanup of the mill site is adequate and safe for mixed use and not just good enough for more heavy industrial usage. Please help us keep our options open for a 21st century vision.

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