

City of Camas

Thank you for hosting the public hearing for the Dept. of Ecology | GP Cleanup order. I plan to attend and comment at the hearing this evening, April 20. Could you please enter these comments into the public record?

As a council member for the city of Camas and 20 year resident, I'm speaking on behalf of myself and my constituents, not the council.

The Camas-Washougal community and the city of Camas have benefited from over a century of economic activity and partnership with the GP paper mill under various owners. We want this beneficial partnership to continue today and in the future.

Nevertheless, when the mill is no longer a viable enterprise we want to guarantee the Dept. of Ecology, GP and the community have proactively partnered to position us well for the next chapter. This chapter is mixed used of both commercial and residential where all community members can enjoy the property, not heavy industrial. Please involve the community, establish an advisory committee and cleanup the site to the standards of mixed use.

Thank you for taking my comments. Ellen Burton, Camas City Council member and resident.