

# Olympic Environmental Coalition

MTCA is a good and needed program, but it seems weaker than the original intent - comparable or stronger than the USEPA Superfund program. WA State cannot be "green" until these poisons can be gotten rid of.

Perhaps more staff is needed to work on these sites. There are thousands on the list and more being added. The state needs:

- cleanup schedules being met. Significant cleanups met in a timely manner.
- the PLPs should put significant funds up front to initiate and cover cleanup costs. MTCA can draw on these funds if the PLP is recalcitrant.
- more lawsuits against PLPs
- stop over representing cleanup costs. Rather, accurately reflect the costs to human health, wildlife and natural resources. There is no justification for leaving toxic and hazardous waste in communities. Polluters must remove these and MTCA should reflect this, as well as hardball positions it will take if PLPs don't advance cleanups.
- Determine and share with the public the cumulative impacts to human health, the wildlife and ecosystems.
- pay attention to cleanups in EJ and lower economic communities.
- include Equity in the SHARP tool
- always increase ways to reach and inform the public.
- give large weight to public comments. Don't just check a box that comments were asked for and received but that there is no regulation that says the public comments matter, which has been stated by Ecology staff. Don't waste the public's time and energy if their input is dismissed. Heavily weigh public input!

Thank you.