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Dear Mr. Teel-

My husband and I recently received notice from your department regarding the cleanup of the Hardel Plywood site on West Bay Drive. We are close neighbors to this site and appreciate the opportunity to make comments regarding the path forward for the development project anticipated by the West Bay Development Group.

As you know, this site has been badly degraded over the years by the wood milling done by Hardel. It was no surprise to learn that there continue to be contaminants in the soil and groundwater after the initial clean up. We are very glad that Ecology is heading up this effort. The following are points we would like to emphasize be considered as you move through this process:

1. Ensure that only qualified experts/consultants be hired by West Bay to research the site for contaminants. Ecology should vet their credentials.
2. Ensure that these qualified experts test not only **soil**, but **groundwater** and **soil along the site at Budd Bay inlet**. It is easy to imagine that these harmful chemicals have leached into the inlet over the years and this contamination must be part of the plan for clean up.
3. Require that West Bay involve the local community as it develops different options for clean up. Community notification through the local neighborhood associations would be a good place to start. They bring community members together periodically to share information of concern to local residents. They could be helpful in developing options for Ecology to consider.
4. Ecology must share with the community their choice of clean up options. We've already seen that the initial clean up was not thorough or comprehensive. The community has a vested interest in seeing that the job is done well this time.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide our comments and concerns. Look forward to learning what the next steps will be. Please don't hesitate to contact us for any needed clarification.

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