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Subject: Rayonier Mill SL-5 Cleanup

Dear Ms. Abbett,

As a follow-up to renewed conversations regarding the Rayonier Mill site, I support Port Angeles City Council's request that Washington State Department of Ecology work toward a cleanup of the Rayonier Mill site.

It is my understanding that the Department of Ecology is unsure how to move forward with public officials' requests—made on behalf of voters, taxpayers, and visitors—and has proposed a SL-3 cleanup.

As a follow-up to this message and following the public comment period, it would be valuable to know the Department of Ecology's timeline for a SL-5 cleanup at the Rayonier site.

Given the Department of Ecology's purpose statement, "We are proud to protect, preserve, & enhance Washington's environment for current and future generations", citizens need the Department to Ecology to hold Rayonier accountable for a SL-5 cleanup.

Respectfully,

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Nothing can stop the power of a committed and determined people to make a difference in our society. -Congressman John R. Lewis (1940-2020)