

Cruise Planners (Kim Reynolds)

I urge the Washington Department of Ecology to select Alternative SL-5 for the former Rayonier Mill site in Port Angeles. SL-5 offers a permanent cleanup that supports the City's Comprehensive Plan and allows for future development.

Alternative SL-3 is unacceptable. It leaves contaminated soil in place under a capped mound, creating perpetual maintenance needs, risk of failure, and a permanent 7-foot-high, 10-acre eyesore that limits development in a community with few available sites.

Independent analysis shows SL-3's costs are underestimated and SL-5's are overstated. The proposed 10-year cleanup is far too long—Port Angeles and the Olympic Peninsula have already waited nearly 30 years. It's time for a lasting solution and accountability. Select SL-5 and require Rayonier to meet an accelerated, reasonable schedule.