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Greetings,

I am the Commodore of the Port Angeles Yacht Club (PAYC). The PAYC is the closest public facility to the proposed test site, and we have some real concerns about the impacts of the project at our location. While the project has potential environmental benefits, there are associated hazards. These include potential exposure to toxic chemicals used in the process, the risk of fire or explosion, and the possibility of spills or hazardous waste generation.

The site is subject to Agreed Order DE 21560, addressing existing contamination, but the introduction of new chemicals and processes could exacerbate these issues. It is crucial to conduct thorough environmental impact assessments and implement robust safety measures to mitigate these hazards and protect both human health and the marine environment.

Our main concern about the project is that we have various youth activities that take place within a few hundred feet of proposed site. This summer alone, we have had over 200 children from ages 6 to 18 come through our camps and sail programs. Moving our activities is not feasible. Many activities have the kids in the water for extended periods and without knowing **exactly** what the impact on these activities might be, we cannot support this project.

My hope is that permits for this project will not be issued without a complete and thorough process that will guarantee no impact to our youth programs. We can take NO chances of any kind of harm to our children.

Sincerely,

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