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Ms. Cheryl Banks  
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**Re: Ecology response to comments on Proposal to Remove Olympic Pipe Line Co Kent Site located at 74th Avenue South and 259th Street, Kent, WA from the Hazardous Sites List.**

Dear Ms. Banks:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates you taking the time to comment on the proposal to remove the Olympic Pipeline Kent Block Valve cleanup Site from the Hazardous Sites List.

From December 2, 2016 through January 3, 2017, Ecology held the Public Comment period for delisting the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. Ecology received your comment on December 5, 2016. The No Further Action letter for the Olympic Pipe Line Co Kent site was finalized on January 17, 2017.

Thank you for taking your time to comment on the cleanup of a contaminated Site in your neighborhood. Ecology will include your comment and this response in the Responsive Summary Report.

If you have any questions regarding the cleanup of the Site, please contact me at (425) 649-4446.  
Sincerely,

Dale Myers  
Project Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
Northwest Regional Office



Cheryl G. Banks  
Via email  
December 5, 2016

Sir:

I have read the Department of Ecology State of Washington newsletter regarding the "Proposal to Remove Olympic Pipe Line Co Kent from the Hazardous Sites List."

With all of the leaks that we know pipelines cause all over the nation, can you honestly say, to yourself, besides to us taxpayers, that there is no cause for alarm? I am skeptical.

I think that it is probably true that "no pipeline in use is a good pipeline." I do not want to be a worry-wort, or to put a kabash on a pipeline which is safe and is guaranteed to never leak again. I am very serious about this. IF, it can be said, truthfully, that this particular pipeline will never, ever leak again, then I would say, "Sure, go ahead and put it back on-line."

I just do not believe that anyone can say that truthfully. And, pipelines cause enormous amounts of damage to our environment and we need to go in the other direction of preserving the environment

as the Capitalists are trying their darnedest to make as much money as they can before the earth just implodes from all the damage that humans have done to it.

You asked for our opinion and this is mine.

Cordially,

Cheryl G. Banks

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