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Thank you,

David Bluhm Tacoma, WA 98406

Debby Herbert

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This property should not be delisted as hazardous, further threatening the health of the tide flats workers, residents and the environment.

Sincerely,

Diane Martin 7322 N. Skyview Pl E302 Tacoma, Wa 98406

Don Steinke

Please hold a public hearing regarding the delisting of the Superfund site in the Tacoma waterway where the LNG terminal is being proposed.

Don Steinke Vancouver WA crVanWash@gmail.com

Heidi Vierthaler

I am writing to you with my grave concern for my former home of the Pacific Northwest, especially regarding the determination by Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) that, "no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the [Naval Reserve] Site." I want you to know a bit of the background of my concerns about this before I delve into the issue, that I spent many of my formative years in Seattle, growing up learning to respect our natural environment, and indigenous cultures, as a student at Summit K-12 Alternative School. I had a teacher there who taught us about her Haida heritage and we spent time at Camp Orkila on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands in the Salish Sea, which I only recently learned is the First Nations name for the Puget Sound. I left with my family for the first time in 1980, right before Mount Saint Helens blew, and was homesick so I returned in June of 1988 and while I was there I was blessed to have visited Mount Saint Helens on a Field Trip with a friend and his UW Geology Course, so I know the raw power of the region. In August of 1990 I left to eventually earn my BA in Geography and Anthropology from the University of Southern Maine in 1994. I have not been able to return, and I am even more homesick for our Pacific Northwest Cradle. So when I heard of the The Puyallup Tribe endeavoring to stop the LNG 253 Fracked Gas Refinery from being fully constructed and operable, especially after the company has ignored the fact that they don't have the proper legal permit, they will just pay the fine later, in the Puyallup Tribal Territories in Tacoma, Washington, it scared me, because they say that if an accident were to occur, like a tsunami or an earthquake, it would have a nuclear bomb like explosion many times more powerful than the one that hit Hiroshima. I know that this is highly probable, because I learned when I attended, in 1988, a Town Hall meeting hosted by former/ Congressman Jim McDermott who brought Scientists together to discuss that the region could experience a magnitude 9 point on the Richter scale Earthquake, any day now. I am thus terrified that if I were able to do so someday, that not only I won't have the pristine beauty to which to return home, but all of my friends, as well as everyone else who lives there will lose their sacred and secular way of life.

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J McGourty

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Kind regards. Sincerely, Claudia Riedener Tacoma File: 180301 005 **Duration:** 0:07:57

Date: March 1, 2018

Subject: Public Hearing on Removing the Naval Reserve Center from the

Hazardous Sites List.

Lisa Kean: I am Lisa Kean, Hearings Officer for this hearing. This evening we are to

conduct a hearing about taking the Naval Reserve Center off the

Hazardous Sites List. Let the record show that it is 7:38 p.m. on March 1, 2018, and this hearing is being held at Cascade Hall at the Center at Norpoint, 4818 Nassau Avenue NE, Tacoma, Washington, 98422.

Legal Notices of the Public Comment Period were published in the Washington Site Register December 21, 2017. In addition, notices of the Public Comment Period were mailed to about 460 interested people. Email notices were sent to 130 interested people and was also published in the Tacoma News Tribune on December 21, 2017, Notice of the Public Hearing was emailed and posted on the website and social media on February 21, 2018.

At this time, we do not have anyone signed up to testify. Is there anyone who did not sign up that wishes to provide testimony? Please raise your hand. Right here. If you want to come on up, please.

David Strider: Ok. I'll set this down here.

Lisa Kean: Ok. Please remember to state your name and your address before you

start.

David Strider: My name is David Strider. My address is 4712 Court R, Tacoma. I'm just

> off the 48th and Portland, so I'm in the neighborhood, and I'm here to make a statement and I noticed tonight it was talking about decontamination.

Back in 1991, I ran for mayor in a small town and there was a business that I wanted to get cleaned up. It was a salvage yard and it was sitting right on top of the largest aquafer in the Miami Valley. Now, I'm from Ohio. I moved out here 21 years now going this year, and I lost the election, but I stood firm on the ecology. And has anything been done? No. But there

has been outbreaks of additional illnesses.

When somebody tells me that they've cleaned up the aquafer, being a

farm-boy from Ohio, I had farmers ask me, "Why are my trees dying?"

"Because you're putting too many chemicals into the ground." These were farmers. Agricultural chemicals going into the ground. And I said, "Now you're putting a lot on there." I said, "You know this is going into your well system also?"

They said, "Yeah."

I said, "Have you had your water tested? Have you noticed any unusual growths on your livestock?"

"Well, yeah."

I said, "You need to have your water checked, because your animals were also drinking the same water."

Now, here I am, years later, here in Tacoma, Washington, and we have the water being, uh and the land being contaminated. And we have companies, corporations that are unresponsible for their actions. They make things, but they don't know how to clean it up. They don't know how to reengineer it. And everything is about the 'All Mighty Dollar.'

We cannot drink oil. We cannot. Can we grow crops down there on that plane? Can crops grow? That's the question on whether or not it's cleaned up or not. Can you grow crops down there to feed people? If you cannot grow crops or food for people, it is not safe for the rest of the environment. Let alone the environment that the contamination leaks in to the Puget Sound.

And I think that we as a community, we as an authority, I think that the Port Authority needs to exercise more control. I think that we need to have industry, if it's going to be in here, we need additional water treatment plants and we also need desalinization plants so that the residents of Pierce County and Tacoma and surrounding villages do not have to worry about excessive water hikes because industry's moving in. And now we are in direct competition with that industry or industries.

Industry is good. Jobs are good. But when no foresight is put into what is going to happen generations down the road, then we need to make sure that our leadership in this village, this town, this port, is also doing their job, their due diligence.

And, I'm also running for public office, federal office—US Senate, and I'm very big on the ecology. And so I'm hoping that the decertification of this land is only concluded after they can show me that they've grown two seasons of crops. And I'll fight, you know. I'm gonna fight 'em. Ok.

Thank you for this opportunity for me to speak and I hope they take this well.

Lisa Kean:

Thank you for your comment. Is there anybody else that would like to come up and testify?

If you would like to send Ecology written comments, please remember they are due, postmarked March 9, 2018. We accept written comments in the following ways. Here at the hearing, by mail to the Department of Ecology at P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7775, online you can put a comment in using our online comment form at http://wt.ecology.commentinput.com. To get instructions on how to comment by mail or online please pick up one of the flyers on the back table. This information is also available on our website, or you can contact the Public Involvement Coordinator for this site, Sheila Coughlan, sheila.coughlan@ecy.wa.gov.

All testimony received at this hearing, along with all written comments received postmarked by March 9, 2018, will be part of the official hearing record for the de-listing of the Naval Reserve Center. Ecology will send notice about the availability of the response to comments to everyone that provided written comments or oral testimony on the site, everyone that signed in for today's hearing that provided an email address, and other interested parties on the agency's mailing list for this site.

The response to comments will, among other things, contain the agency's response to questions and issues of concern that were raised during the public comment period. If you would like to receive notice about its availability or a copy, but did not fill out a card or sign in, please see me after the hearing.

The next step is to consider the comments and make a determination whether to finalize the de-listing of the Naval Reserve Center. Ecology will look at the public comments, other appropriate documentation, and staff recommendations.

Ecology will make a decision about taking the Naval Reserve Center off the Hazardous Sites list If we can be of further help to you, please do not hesitate to ask, or you can contact the Public Involvement Coordinator for this Site, Sheila Coughlan, at sheila.coughlan@ecy.wa.gov.

On behalf of the Department of Ecology, thank you for coming. I appreciate your cooperation and courtesy. Let the record show that this hearing is adjourned at 7:46.

David Bluhm

Please hold public hearings and comment periods regarding the delisting of any Superfund, Brownfield or previously declared toxic site(s) withing Washington state, City or Port of Tacoma - especially 1001 Alexander Ave, the current proposed site for Puget Sound Energy's 8 million gallon LNG site.

Thank you,

David Bluhm Tacoma, WA 98406

Debby Herbert

Dear Mr. Acklam,

I respectfully request there be a pubic hearing on this "No further Action" determination for the clean-up of this site.

Thank you.

Debby Herbert

Deborah Hill

Dear Nicholas Ackham,

RE: Facility Site ID #: 93581722

Cleanup Site ID #: 3017

Site Name: Naval Reserve Center

I note that the public may comment on the Department of Ecology's environmental clean-up determination for the Naval Reserve Center, near the Hylebos Waterway at the Port of Tacoma.

I am respectfully requesting a public meeting regarding the pending decision to delist this site from the Hazardous Sites List. I believe the reasons for the public to weigh in on this decision are several and valid, but not limited to:

- 1. The site in question is now being used to build a Liquid Natural Gas facility that has yet to receive all required permits.
- 2. The clean up was limited to the site in question only and testing was done to 15 feet below ground surface if I read the No Further Action letter correctly. This seems like a very narrow area upon which to base delisting the entire Hazardous Waste Site.
- 3. The No Further Action Letter acknowledges the historic presence of other toxins and contaminants from the Occidental Chemical site on and adjacent to the Naval Reserve Site. If these contaminants are still there, why take the action of delisting the site?

I believe the action of potentially delisting this Hazardous Site requires further review and input by the public who have a definite and continuing interest in the status of this site.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hill Tacoma, WA

Diane Martin

Dear Mr. Acklam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Department of Ecology's environmental clean-up determination for the Naval Reserve Center. I reside in Tacoma and am concerned with the delisting of the contaminated site listed above.

This issue is particularly troubling as the site is part of the proposed site of Puget Sound Energy's LNG facility. Construction has already begun on the LNG and has the potential to disturb any contamination on the site.

From 1929 through 2002, the corporation of Occidental Chemical was the major contributor to the contamination of soil and ground water at the site. The Department of Ecology's subsequent investigation and clean up process lists the primary contaminants of the site, which include chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), sodium hydroxide, sodium chloride (salt), metals, by-products of chlorinated solvent production, ply-chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and dioxin/furans. I was particularly concerned about the PCB contamination, as we know this particular toxic can stay within soil and ground water for decades. In addition, the toxic plumes from the Occidental Chemical site extend under the Naval Reserve Site.

It appears that delisting the site could have negative implications to the health of Port workers, residents of N.E. Tacoma, fish and marine wildlife around Commencement Bay.

This property should not be delisted as hazardous, further threatening the health of the tide flats workers, residents and the environment.

Sincerely,

Diane Martin 7322 N. Skyview Pl E302 Tacoma, Wa 98406

Don Steinke

Please hold a public hearing regarding the delisting of the Superfund site in the Tacoma waterway where the LNG terminal is being proposed.

Don Steinke Vancouver WA crVanWash@gmail.com

Heidi Vierthaler

I am writing to you with my grave concern for my former home of the Pacific Northwest, especially regarding the determination by Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) that, "no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the [Naval Reserve] Site." I want you to know a bit of the background of my concerns about this before I delve into the issue, that I spent many of my formative years in Seattle, growing up learning to respect our natural environment, and indigenous cultures, as a student at Summit K-12 Alternative School. I had a teacher there who taught us about her Haida heritage and we spent time at Camp Orkila on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands in the Salish Sea, which I only recently learned is the First Nations name for the Puget Sound. I left with my family for the first time in 1980, right before Mount Saint Helens blew, and was homesick so I returned in June of 1988 and while I was there I was blessed to have visited Mount Saint Helens on a Field Trip with a friend and his UW Geology Course, so I know the raw power of the region. In August of 1990 I left to eventually earn my BA in Geography and Anthropology from the University of Southern Maine in 1994. I have not been able to return, and I am even more homesick for our Pacific Northwest Cradle. So when I heard of the The Puyallup Tribe endeavoring to stop the LNG 253 Fracked Gas Refinery from being fully constructed and operable, especially after the company has ignored the fact that they don't have the proper legal permit, they will just pay the fine later, in the Puyallup Tribal Territories in Tacoma, Washington, it scared me, because they say that if an accident were to occur, like a tsunami or an earthquake, it would have a nuclear bomb like explosion many times more powerful than the one that hit Hiroshima. I know that this is highly probable, because I learned when I attended, in 1988, a Town Hall meeting hosted by former/ Congressman Jim McDermott who brought Scientists together to discuss that the region could experience a magnitude 9 point on the Richter scale Earthquake, any day now. I am thus terrified that if I were able to do so someday, that not only I won't have the pristine beauty to which to return home, but all of my friends, as well as everyone else who lives there will lose their sacred and secular way of life.

So I am respectfully requesting, if not beseeching, a public meeting regarding the pending decision to delist this site from the Hazardous Sites List.

I believe the action of potentially delisting this Hazardous Site requires further review and input by the public who have a definite and continuing interest in the status of this site.

I understand that the public may comment on the Department of Ecology's environmental clean-up determination for the Naval Reserve Center, near the Hylebos Waterway at the Port of Tacoma, online. However I believe the reasons for the public to weigh in on this decision at a public hearing are several and valid, but not limited to:

- 1. The site in question is now being used to build a Liquid Natural Gas facility that has yet to receive all required permits.
- 2. The clean up was limited to the site in question only and testing was done to 15 feet below ground surface if I read the No Further Action letter correctly. This seems like a very narrow area upon which to base delisting the entire Hazardous Waste Site.
- 3. The No Further Action Letter acknowledges the historic presence of other toxins and contaminants from the Occidental Chemical site on and adjacent to the Naval Reserve Site. If these contaminants are still there, why take the action of delisting the site? Furthermore; my concern regards the "Listing of the Site" where you state, ".....Ecology will initiate

the process of removing the Site from our lists of hazardous waste sites, including: -Hazardous Sites List. -Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. and -Leaking Underground Storage Tank List. I am concerned about the multiple statements in your letter dated April 19, 2017, that limit

WDOE's responsibility and burden to have complete knowledge of the effectiveness of the "voluntary clean-up". I am concerned about the language in this letter that indemnifies WDOE from any responsibility or legal action should harm come from the decision to de-list. This de-listing appears to rely upon the site owner's "voluntary" actions and studies for the basis. It appears that should the site still have contaminants, there would be no recourse for the public. Given the high stakes of this approach, it is critical that all interested parties, including Tribes, public health officials, and the general public, be fully informed and engaged before you make a decision. Your website also states: "A portion of this site extends onto the proposed site of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant. However, the cleanup status of the Naval Reserve Center does not impact the development decisions of the LNG plant." It should. From what I understand, this whole area is still highly contaminated and overlaps onto the proposed PSE/LNG refinery facility. The entire site needs to be addressed as a whole, not piecemeal removal of some portions of the area from further cleanup and monitoring under the Superfund site status. Such piecemealing endangers the health and safety of the Puyallup Tribe, the people of Tacoma and the environments of the Hylebos waterway and the Salish Sea. We need you to ensure that the clean up status of the underlying Superfund Site absolutely be included in all development decisions regarding the proposed PSE LNG facility.

I have several requests:

- 1. Extend the comment period and hold a Public Meeting to share information and record verbal & written public comment before any further action on this proposed delisting. I ask for this so that all parties are able to make their comments in the manner in which they are most comfortable.
- 2. Add a Public Outreach section to the project webpage and post all noticing documents and dates for your outreach to Tribes, interested parties and the general public. Post all comments you have received on this proposed de-listing on the webpage for the Site. The public needs to be informed on what other commenters are asking and saying.
- 3. Order a full independent monitoring and assessment of all potential contaminants at the Site and disclose the findings to the Tribes, interested parties, and the public prior to the Public Meeting. There is an awakened public, especially after the Methanol Plant defeat and now fight against the PSE's proposed LNG facility. We want to be informed in an honest and open dialogue. I URGE you to hold this Public Meeting, present the information in a transparent and thorough manner, and take in all comments from the public and interested parties. You are our state agency

manner, and take in all comments from the public and interested parties. You are our state agency that was created to protect our waters and environment. You are empowered by multiple federal laws to carry out your protective responsibility. We need you to protect the health and safety of the people of Tacoma and the environment of the Salish Sea.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, it is something that I gratefully appreciate.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at

207-865-3571: Home/Voicemail

781-647-7648: Mobile/Text

(Unless urgent I prefer calls after 2PM Eastern Time), or at this email. Thank you.

I send my best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Heidi J Vierthaler Quarry Ridge 60 Bow Street, Box #27 Freeport, Maine 04032

J McGourty

Dear Mr. Acklam;

I am concerned about the decision by the DOE to remove the Tacoma Naval Reserve Center cleanup site from the Hazardous Sites List. Minimally, I would like to request a public hearing on the issue. It is not clear to the public that the entire site is clean or that the cleanup has been comprehensive to the entire impacted soil and water in the area. It is particularly troubling that decisions made about a proposed LNG plant will not take into account potential damage or future cleanup that may be required, at great cost to taxpayers, as opposed to those responsible for the pollution. At a time when our federal government agencies are shirking their duty and responsibility to the American public, it is ever more important to maintain the integrity and responsiveness of our state agencies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Joy Vartanian

I am requesting a Public Hearing on this site/hazardous waste clean-up. As the Tacoma Tideflats have/had several SuperFund sites, before any further use of the site, protections against seepage into groundwater, etc, should be undertaken and information provided to the public in a hearing where questions can be answered.

Julianne Gale

Dear Mr. Acklam,

Please hold a public hearing before delisting the Naval Reserve Cleanup from the Hazardous Sites List. Given that this insufficiently cleaned toxic site overlaps with the insufficiently studied proposed PSE LNG facility construction, there is great potential for extreme danger to the public should the LNG facility have an explosion or leak into already contaminated soil.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you'd like to discuss this further, I'd be happy to talk with you. You can reach me at 213-675-0098 or stagefrog2@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Julianne Gale

Kara Sweidel

Hello,

It has recently come to my attention that Ecology wants to delist the Hylebos waterway (where PSE plans to build a ticking time bomb on unstable land prone to earthquakes, and are building without all required permits) as a Superfund site. There should be a public hearing on this decision. I see from some documents that there is a public drinking water source only 1800 ft from this site, and would like to see further soil remediation done in order to protest that source, as well as protect the Salish Sea.

Page 10 of the No Further Action Letter mentions the presence of cPAHs "on and adjacent to the subject site". That doesn't sound clean to me. There should be more samples taken, as the sample size of 12 (from what I can tell, correct me if I'm wrong) seems very low for such a large site.

Thank you, Kara Sweidel Seattle, WA

Carol Kindt

1001 East Alexander Avenue is only part of the original clean-up site. A portion of this site extends right on to the land upon which PSE is building its LNG facility, absent all of the permits required. Until and unless this portion of land is adequately addressed in the SEIS now required by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the public has a right to keep this site clean-up open. The public has never been adequately noticed nor informed about this latest commercial venture (originally the notice area was 400 feet, which included no residential area whatsoever). It is imperative that the Department of Ecology keep this open. It already failed to adequately protect the public by appointing the City of Tacoma City Council as the lead SEPA agency, which body never took air pollutant emissions into its FEIS. It took another state agency, the PSCAA, to require an SEIS. Please don't keep passing the buck on this.

Cindy Feist

Dear Mr. Acklam:

I'm writing to you to request a public hearing re: removing the Naval Reserve Center from the list of Hazardous Sites. This superfund property is toxic and contaminated and the only cleanup effort that I'm aware of was done by volunteers.

The timing of this possible de-listing is suspicious as Puget Sound Energy now wants to build on this very site.

The public is not confident that the environmental cleanup that has occurred is sufficient to protect our health and safety as well as that of the Salish Sea. This area is at risk for earthquakes, tsunamis and lahars meaning a natural disaster could easily disrupt the soil. We need to know what chemicals are in that dirt.

Please schedule a public hearing to prove the science and ease our minds.

Sincerely, Cindy Feist Resident of Tacoma

Lacey Reuter

Dear Mr. Acklam,

I am a life-long resident of Tacoma, writing to you with a grave concern regarding the determination by Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) that, "no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the [Naval Reserve] Site." My concern regards the "Listing of the Site" where you state, ".....Ecology will initiate the process of removing the Site from our lists of hazardous waste sites, including: -Hazardous Sites List. -Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. and -Leaking Underground Storage Tank List. I am concerned about the multiple statements in your letter dated April 19, 2017, that limit WDOE's responsibility and burden to have complete knowledge of the effectiveness of the "voluntary clean-up". I am concerned about the language in this letter that indemnifies WDOE from any responsibility or legal action should harm come from the decision to de-list. This de-listing appears to rely upon the site owner's "voluntary" actions and studies for the basis. It appears that should the site still have contaminants, there would be no recourse for the public. Given the high stakes of this approach, it is critical that all interested parties, including Tribes, public health officials, and the general public, be fully informed and engaged before you make a decision.

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Sincerely, Lacey Reuter

Lael White

I am writing to comment on the Department of Ecology's environmental clean-up determination for the Naval Reserve Center, Port of Tacoma.

I am requesting that a public meeting be held regarding the intention to delist this site from the Hazardous Sites List. I am concerned about PSE building a huge LNG facility upon this toxic site which may remain a hazard to surrounding communities.

Lael White WA State resident

Michael Lafreniere

I'm concerned that the unpermitted construction of a LNG facility is taking place in the Tacoma Tideflats on a toxic site that has not been properly delisted. I feel a public hearing is in order and that construction should cease unless and until it can legitimately established that this site is safe. A public hearing in order to take comments from the public on this issue that represents a risk to public health and safety, as well as risk to the environment.

Michael Lafreniere 815 N Proctor Street Tacoma, WA 98406

Nanette Reetz

Dear Nicholas Acklam,

I am writing to you with a grave concern regarding the determination by Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) that, "no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the [Naval Reserve] Site." My concern regards the "Listing of the Site" where you state, ".....Ecology will initiate the process of removing the Site from our lists of hazardous waste sites, including: -Hazardous Sites List. -Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. and -Leaking Underground Storage Tank List. I am concerned about the multiple statements in your letter dated April 19, 2017, that limit WDOE's responsibility and burden to have complete knowledge of the effectiveness of the "voluntary clean-up". I am concerned about the language in this letter that indemnifies WDOE from any responsibility or legal action should harm come from the decision to de-list. This de-listing appears to rely upon the site owner's "voluntary" actions and studies for the basis. It appears that should the site still have contaminants, there would be no recourse for the public. Given the high stakes of this approach, it is critical that all interested parties, including Tribes, public health officials, and the general public, be fully informed and engaged before you make a decision.

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Your informational factsheet on your website has these additional areas of concern:

- 1. The original mailing said that comments would be accepted until January 22nd, 2017 (not 2018) which caused confusion for many.
- 2. There was a lack of notice on the extension of public comments to February 5th, 2018.
- 3. The original mailing was sent out right before the Holidays (this is generally a very poor time to send out communications on important projects).
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Sincerely, Nanette Reetz NE Tacoma resident

NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council

Dear Mr. Acklam,

I'm the Chair of the NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council, and I am writing to you to formally request a public meeting be held in the NE Tacoma community for the Tacoma Naval Reserve Center environmental cleanup status determination effort. I've been contacted by my community with complaints that there wasn't a public meeting opportunity, and that it appears that there was a lack of proper notice given to the broader community. There are questions about the actions that were taken to clean up the property, as well as the process for determining that this site is cleaned up suitability to consider removing it from the Hazardous Sites List.

When taking action on the Occidental Chemical property (immediately adjacent to the Naval Reserve Center), the Department of Ecology has conducted several public meetings to provide information and to take comment. I would hope that you provide this same opportunity for this action as well. Many of our citizens are just learning of this, and don't feel that they have adequate time to research and respond. Here are some additional areas of concern:

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This property is located inside the NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council boundary, and of anyone regionally, the hazardous status of this property would be of great concern to my community. I look forward to your response, and would be happy to work with you to plan a public meeting in our community.

Sincerely, Yvonne

Yvonne McCarty NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council Chair www.netacoma.net 253-219-0349

Sandy Paul

I note that the public may comment on the Department of Ecology's environmental clean-up determination for the Naval Reserve Center, near the Hylebos Waterway at the Port of Tacoma.

I am respectfully requesting a public meeting regarding the pending decision to delist this site from the Hazardous Sites List. I believe the reasons for the public to weigh in on this decision are several and valid, but not limited to:

- 1. The site in question is now being used to build a Liquid Natural Gas facility that has yet to receive all required permits.
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I believe the action of potentially delisting this Hazardous Site requires further review and input by the public who have a definite and continuing interest in the status of this site.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely Sandy Paul 4717 39th Street NE Tacoma WA 98422

Sierra Club, Tatoosh Group of Pierce County

Dear Mr. Acklam:

Please accept these comments on the Department of Ecology's environmental clean-up determination for the Naval Reserve Center. I am commenting on behalf of the Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce County's approximately 2000 members who are concerned about protecting our environment and the safety and quality of life of our residents.

This site is particularly concerning because it is part of the site of the PSE LNG facility. This major construction effort has the potential to disturb any contamination on the site, not just petroleum pollution. Perhaps more hazardous, are the toxic plumes from the Occidental Chemical site which extend under the Naval Reserve Site. Delisting the site leaves the dangerous impression that the site is not contaminated.

From the information on Department of Ecology's web site:

"A portion of this site extends onto the proposed site of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant. However, the cleanup status of the Naval Reserve Center does not impact the development decisions of the LNG plant."

Logic says this should certainly impact development decisions for the LNG facility. From the PSE LNG FEIS, page 3.1-9:

"A preliminary review of the soil and groundwater analytical results from the site assessment suggests that groundwater contamination related to the former bulk petroleum storage facilities is present beneath the northern portion of the Tacoma LNG Facility site. Information from this investigation would be used to coordinate redevelopment plans in accordance with existing orders, restrictive covenants or other requirements associated with such remedial actions."

It seems clear to us that delisting the site could indeed have negative ramifications in the future for the Port of Tacoma tideflats, the health of Port workers, residents of adjacent communities, fish runs and marine wildlife around Commencement Bay..

This property should not be delisted as hazardous and because of the implications for public health and safety, there should be a public meeting or meetings to hear and address concerns.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Walker, Chair Sierra Club Tatoosh Group of Pierce Co. Dorothyw@centurylink.net

Teresa Catford

I request a public meeting regarding the decision to delist this site from the Hazardous Sites List.

The public needs to know how and when this site was cleaned up. There are major questions that deserve answers regarding this location and the LNG plant that is being constructed there without a permit from the PSCAA.

The site in question is right next to the Occidental Chemical superfund site. If these contaminants are still there, why take the action of delisting the site? And why all of a sudden now - after all these years?

Delisting this Hazardous Site should have a public hearing where the community can learn about and discuss what is going on. There are people living, working and going to school within a mile of this location. There are major safety concerns that have not been addressed and the public should have input into this decision.

Teresa Catford

Tracy Wiegman

Dear Nicholas Acklam,

I am writing to you with a lot of concern for the determination from the Dept. of Ecology stating that, "no further remedial action is necessary to clean up contamination at the Site." I do appreciate the statement contained in your no further action letter, "Please note the Tacoma Smelter Plume Facility, Port of Tacoma 721 Alexander facility and the Hylebos Waterway-Commencement Bay Nearshore Tideflats also affects parcel(s) of real property associated with this Site. This opinion does not apply to any contamination associated with these facilities." So my concern and confusion comes under the "Listing of the Site" where you state, ".....Ecology will initiate the process of removing the Site from our lists of hazardous waste sites, including: -Hazardous Sites List. -Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. and -Leaking Underground Storage Tank List. My feeling is this is very misleading since, from what I understand, this whole area is still highly contaminated and overlaps onto the PSE/LNG refinery facility. I do not feel the clean up status has been adequately addressed in the development of the LNG Site.

My request is, before you end this comment period and finalize anything, you hold a Public Meeting to allow people to come and have their very important and concerned questions answered! I know I am not the only one requesting this. There is an awakened public, especially after the Methanol Plant defeat and now PSE's LNG and all the blatant disregard from City and Port Politicians for how the citizen's of Tacoma feel about our future. We want to understand. We want to be heard and taken seriously. We want to be informed in an honest and open dialogue.

I URGE you to hold this Public Meeting! Please be an agency that truly cares what the public thinks and be for the people and the Ecology.....be true to the name you represent!

With Sincere Hope,
Thank you for your time,
Tracy Wiegman
(A citizen of Tacoma and a worker in the Port of Tacoma)

Twylia Westling

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While I might accept that a clean up at this site of petroleum products does not affect the proposed LNG plant, which is building without an approved safety analysis, the fact that the Naval Reserve site is in such close proximity to the Occidental Chemical site makes me wonder exactly why we are choosing to list this site as clean.

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Please consider my request for a public hearing.

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Valarie Peaphon

Hello Nicholas,

My name is Valarie Peaphon. I am a resident of Tacoma, WA and I'm concerned with the possible de-listing of a toxic superfund site. Please hold a public hearing so we can be assured this area has actually been properly remediated:

Why are you moving now to downgrade or de-list this site?

What cleanup goals were met?

What testing has been completed?

Who completed the testing?

When and where did the testing occur?

I understand any this was a voluntary cleanup site, who organized and oversaw the volunteers?

How many volunteers worked on the clean up effort?

What actions did they take to remediate the area?

Where did they take the contaminated soil?

How much soil was removed and relocated?

This is important to the health and safety of the community.

Thank you,

Valarie