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Re: Rayonier Mill cleanup, Port Angeles

November 29th, 2006

Sir:

It is difficult to understand why after nearly 10 years, the Rayonier Mill site cleanup is not complete. The North Olympic Timber Action Committee has a number of concerns regarding the ability or willingness of DOE to complete their work. Your presentation at the public meeting of Nov. 8th in Port Angeles raised a number of concerns:

- The Rayonier site is zoned Heavy Industrial and that has been the historic use, so why is DOE talking about the standards for unrestricted use? There is a shortage of heavy industrial zoned land with saltwater access and the 70 acres of Rayonier property has the potential to diversify our waterfront and create more family wage jobs. Your delays are causing our community significant economic hardship.
- You mentioned potential health hazards yet you cannot recite any specific health problems. What

are your specific health concerns?

- There are rules in place to complete the cleanup and yet DOE has not used the existing rules to complete the cleanup. You may develop new standards but you should not hold Rayonier and our Community hostage. Why are you not applying the current rules?
- Chemicals found to be present from soil samples taken off the Rayonier site were attributed to the stack at Rayonier however there are other sources that could have contributed to those emissions including some that occur naturally.

DOE's failure to make decisions and complete the cleanup on this site may have negative impacts on other sites in our community as well as other sites in our State. The corresponding costs to the economy while producing questionable benefits will have huge negative financial impacts on the citizens of our State. It is time for DOE to complete this cleanup project based on your existing test samples and under existing rules.

Respectfully,

Carol Johnson
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