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To: Bill Harris, Project Manager
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Greetings from Joyce, Washington (15 miles west of Port Angeles) Please accept my e-mailed comments. We have been literally snowed in and without power for many days. I attended the Novembger 8th forum in Port Angeles as well as various meetings in the past years on the Rainier clean up.

I am more astonished than ever at the apparent lack of urgency in this process. I am particularly disappointed that the aquatic sampling done many years ago has yielded no public information yet. Is it safe to eat the crab, shrimp and fish from our harbor? Many people do. Is it safe for children to swim and play at Hollywood Beach? Many do.

Common sense tells us that there must be many toxic contaminants in the sediments of these waters. To what extent have they entered the food chains? To what extent have they built up on the beach? I assumed that we would have answers to these public health concerns many years ago. Who is protected by the withholding of information? Not the public. If the waters are clean and safe, let us know that and show us the data to back it up!

I'll wind up by saying that I have read and am in agreement with the comments made by Peter de Fur. Please: speed the process, but don't compromise our environment or our health.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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