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Subject: Comment re: Draft RI Upland Soils report

Dear Mr. Harris
Project Manager

I am submitting comments re: Draft Upland Remedial Investigation Soils Report - Rayonier Mill Site in Port Angeles, WA

Rayonier, through its many years of operation in Port Angeles has been very aware of environmental standards. Unfortunately, their awareness resulted in asking for and being excused from keeping current with environmental standards while in operation. They have known all along that they would need to clean this site. In order to prevent cost shifting of their environmental cleanup costs to the taxpayer, I would like consideration of the following:

1. The toxic chemicals and metals found at this site are known to cause human health problems. Further investigation of these chemicals and thorough cleanup are necessary to avoid causing illness and birth defects. It is not the right of any corporation to leave behind chemicals that can cause permanent, life long deficits as these chemicals such as dioxin, PCBs and PAHs are known to do.
2. Dioxin cleanup at the site and off the site should conform to the standards set forth by the World Health Organization. It should be not up to the polluting corporation to dictate the standards and methods for measuring contaminant levels.
3. Sampling results of the report and earlier sampling are inconsistent. Earlier sampling showed higher levels. An explanation of those differences must be included in the final report.
4. Rayonier is dragging out the cleanup of this site. They have spent plenty of time fighting and threatening when they are called to clean up their mess. A schedule of cleanup should be adopted that Rayonier would be expected to meet under penalties for failing to do so.

Thank you for your consideration,
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