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**Attachments:** State of the Evidence 2006.pdf

Hello Bill

I am writing on behalf of Breast Cancer Fund and as a member of the Olympic Environmental Council. Breast Cancer Fund endorses a strict cleanup of the Rayonier Mill toxins in the Pt Angeles area.

Washington State has the highest rate of breast cancer in the country. When all traditional risk factors - like genetic predisposition, reproductive history, diet, exercise and alcohol - are aggregated, more than half of breast cancer cases remain unexplained. A considerable and growing body of evidence indicates that exposure to radiation and synthetic chemicals is contributing to the epidemic of breast cancer and other cancers in the United States and other industrialized countries.

For example, dioxin, which is of specific concern in the Rayonier Mill area, is ubiquitous and toxic. The body fat of every human being, including every newborn, contains dioxin. Dioxins are known human carcinogens and hormone mimickers. 'Endocrine disrupting chemicals' are chemicals such as dioxin that disturb the body's finely tuned hormonal (endocrine) balance. Any disruption in hormonal activity can interfere with an organism's ability to grow, develop and function normally.

For your further review, I am attaching two documents:

- o Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) Consensus Statement on Breast Cancer and the Environment 2006  
<http://www.breastcancerfund.org/site/pp.asp?c=kwKXLdPaE&b=2065995>
- o State of the Evidence – What Is the Connection Between the Environment and Breast Cancer? - attached as a PDF

Breast Cancer Fund supports the concerns raised by the Olympic Environmental Council in their comment letter. We recommend the swift and thorough cleanup of the Rayonier Mill area, to levels that protect human health and the environment.

Sincerely

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