



**Delridge  
Neighborhoods  
Development  
Association**

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Lower Duwamish Waterway  
Superfund Site Comments  
EPA Region 10  
1200 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suite 900 ECL-111  
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Comments from Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA)

The DNDA Board of Directors has reviewed the proposal for cleaning up the Duwamish River and has concerns as to the effectiveness (especially the amount of time projected to yield positive results) and the associated costs. Our specific concerns are listed herein and it is our hope that the EPA will consider changes that would better contain and or remove contaminants in a much larger percentage of the river than currently being proposed.

**Eating fish caught from the river must be made safe**

The Board is asking that every effort be made to restore the river to a condition where fish are safe to eat. We see in the Harbor Island area and along other stretches of the river that people fish and eat what they catch despite the danger. We hope that the area capped is increased and that more effort is devoted to removal of toxic sediments. The Board recognizes the huge challenges, but we cannot allow the situation to continue indefinitely. Restoring the river to a safe and healthy condition as quickly as possible must be our highest priority.

**Regulations and Restrictions**

The Board is supportive of increased enforcement of regulations and where possible increasing restrictions on pollutants that can be released into the waterway, along the entire length of the river.

**Pollution Prevention and Mitigation Fund**

The Board strongly supports the creation of a Pollution Prevention and Mitigation Fund to respond to the health impacts that contamination has and in future may cause.

**Hiring Local Workers and Veterans**

The Board strongly supports hiring local workers from the region to work on the clean-up effort. Many workers in the area would benefit from this hiring practice, especially low income people living in the Georgetown-South Park areas. Likewise, hiring war veterans should be a priority of the clean-up.

DNDA appreciates your openness and we hope you will fully engage the community when a final plan is adopted. We thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Willard Brown, Board President

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association