Dear Mr. McLerran,

The EPA's proposed cleanup of the Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery," a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream. A more aggressive cleanup plan is needed to prevent continued harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment, culture, and wildlife viewing opportunities, I recommend:

1) That at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.
2) The Cleanup Plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River System and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame.
3) Toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill. Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable.
4) Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve.
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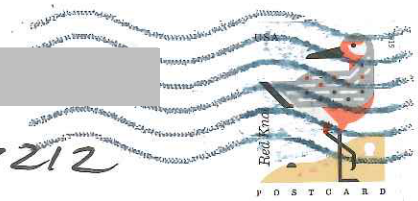

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