

Safe Waterways and Air

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To:

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Bert Brown, Operations Manager, Port Townsend Paper Company

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Mayor Amy Howard, City of Port Townsend

City Manager John Mauro, City of Port Townsend

Jefferson County Board of Commissioners

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe — Tribal Council and Environmental Department

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe — Tribal Council and Environmental Department

Washington State Department of Ecology, Industrial Section

Washington State Department of Health

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10

United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Enforcement Investigations Center

United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Northwest Region

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency

Washington State Senate and House Representatives, 24th Legislative District

Senator Maria Cantwell, United States Senate

Senator Patty Murray, United States Senate

Representative Derek Kilmer, United States House of Representatives

Jefferson County Public Health

Thriving Earth Exchange, Port Townsend Project

Dear Mr. Brown, and to the Managing Partners of Atlas Holdings,

My name is David Ginsberg. I am a retired entrepreneur and business consultant and a Port Townsend resident of ten years. I am not a scientist or an engineer. I am a neighbor who wants safe waterways and clean air in the community where I live.

You may have received a letter from me dated June 5th. I wrote that letter ten days after the Nippon Dynawave disaster in Longview - eleven workers killed on May 26th, two weeks ago today. That letter documented what I found in the public record: government enforcement databases, permit documents, and federal health findings. I had done no research into this facility before Longview. What I found troubled me, and I felt an obligation to share it.

In the two weeks since that letter, my focus has shifted. I have spent that time reading about what other American kraft pulp mills have done to substantially reduce their pollution - the water they discharge, the air emissions they generate, the toxic load reaching receiving waters. I found documented results from mills in North Carolina, Minnesota, Maine, and across the country. I also found examples from Brazil and Scandinavia that show where this industry is heading globally. That research is what this mailing is about.

I have moved from documenting the past to asking about the future. I am not here to fight. I am here to ask what is possible - and whether we can find that out together.

I want to be completely transparent about the limits of what I know. I do not know what environmental systems Port Townsend Paper Company currently operates. I do not know your water use per ton of pulp, your current air emissions profile, or what treatment your wastewater receives before it reaches Port Townsend Bay. Everything I know comes from government documents, regulatory records, and publicly available scientific research. I have assumed nothing beyond what those sources say.

I am enclosing two documents. The first - which you may have seen before - describes specific areas where the public record and research into comparable mills suggest there are opportunities. The second is new: a plain-language summary of what I found in that research, what the public record shows about this facility, and the questions that research raises.

For each area I have described, my honest question is the same: Is this something you are already doing? If so, I would genuinely welcome knowing that - publicly, so this community understands where things stand. If it is feasible but not yet implemented, what would it take? If it is not feasible for your specific operation, I would like to understand why - what makes Port Townsend Paper Company's situation different, and what alternative approaches might achieve comparable results.

I have shared these documents with the parties copied above - elected officials, tribal governments, regulatory agencies, and local media. I want to be direct about why: not as a pressure tactic, but because I believe this conversation should happen in the open. The community that lives alongside this facility, and the tribal nations that hold treaty fishing rights in Port Townsend Bay, have a stake in knowing what is possible and what choices are being made. Transparency is not a burden - it is the foundation of the trust this community is asking for.

I would welcome a direct response. A written reply to the questions in the enclosed documents - shared openly with the community, tribal governments, and regulatory agencies copied here - would mean a great deal. I am also available by phone at [REDACTED], by email at davidbginsberg@gmail.com, or in person. I meant it when I said in my June 5th letter that I would be genuinely delighted to write a very different kind of letter to this community - one that says you heard us and are acting.

Port Townsend Paper Company has been part of this community for nearly a century. I want it here for another century. That goal and the goal of clean water and safe air are not in conflict - and I believe you know that.

Sincerely,

David Ginsberg

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Enclosure: Safe Waterways and Clean Air for Port Townsend — A Plain-Language Research Summary
and Invitation to Dialogue, V_1.30