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## EPA should conduct a full cleanup of Terry Creek

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There is something rotten about the plan the Environmental Protection Agency and Hercules have hashed out to fix the Terry Creek Superfund site. The plan stinks so much that city and county commissioners, and our local state delegation — bodies that do not always see eye-to-eye on what's best — are unanimously against it.

The EPA and Hercules' plan invokes a concrete-lined channel and the removal of an additional 1,200 cubic yards of toxaphene-contaminated sediment. The city favored a different option that involved a box culvert as part of the plan, but the resolution the city and county announced Tuesday also called for a full cleanup of the site.

In reading the resolution, Brunswick Mayor Cornell Harvey called for “the complete removal of all contamination in Operable Unit 1; (urges) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Justice to reconsider the selected remedial action set forth in the consent decree and to withdraw and/or amend the proposed consent decree to require the complete removal of all contamination; and requesting that the members of the United States Congress and the Georgia General Assembly representing the city of Brunswick and Glynn County oppose the remedial action set forth in the consent decree.”

The support goes beyond elected officials. The Glynn County Board of Health and the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce are just a few of the organizations offering support of the city and county's resolution asking for a full cleanup.

So with all of these people who live and work in the Golden Isles urging a full cleanup, why has the EPA settled for a lesser approach? Perhaps it's because the least expensive option of all the options considered. As citizens, we put our trust that the EPA is looking out for our best interest when it comes to potential toxins in the ground and our water. Agreeing to anything less than a full cleanup at Terry Creek is a violation of that trust.

We also urge our congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. — Representative Buddy Carter, R-1, and U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue — to do more than send it up the chain. Support from our D.C. delegation could go a long way to making sure the correct decision is made on Terry Creek.

Glynn County citizens can also voice their opposition to the consent decree between the federal government and Hercules. Public comment on the decree closes today, so you don't have much time to let your voice be heard. Public comments should refer to "United States v. Hercules, LLC, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-11685" and can be emailed to [pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov). They can also be mailed to Assistant Attorney General U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C., 20044-7611.

Let the Department of Justice know that anything less than a full cleanup is an injustice to our community.