

Environmental Carcinogens

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3 **WHEREAS** science has shown that many chemicals and other hazardous waste materials released  
4 into or left in the environment, in rivers and other water sources as well as dumps long since buried  
5 and forgotten, are carcinogenic;

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7 **WHEREAS** these items have contaminated larger areas as the items deteriorate, and runoff goes into  
8 the rivers, as with Hanford waste into the Columbia River, backing into formerly pristine coastal  
9 bays; and

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11 **WHEREAS** the incidences of cancer and cancer related deaths have been shown to be on the  
12 increase;

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14 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that more thorough research and sampling be done, including  
15 checking health and death records of persons and families still living in these areas and those who  
16 have left the area but still have contacts in said area, to get an accurate determination of true  
17 numbers;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these areas be cleaned up and if the source of  
20 contamination can be determined, that source shall be held responsible for the cost of cleanup; and

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages  
23 our Governor, our Senators, and our Representatives to create, support, and enact such policies and  
24 legislation as needed to bring about this research and cleanup.

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27 Submitted by the Pacific County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration  
28 at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/28/2008)

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30 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at  
31 its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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33 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting  
34 in Spokane.  
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