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Submitted electronically

Re: Sound Mattress and Felt Co. Site Agreed Order

Dear Sandy Smith,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Sound Mattress and Felt. Co Site Agreed Order (AO).

Executive Director

Melissa Malott

Communities for a Healthy Bay (CHB) is a 31-year-old organization whose mission is to represent and engage people in the cleanup, restoration, and protection of Commencement Bay, its surrounding waters and natural habitat. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit providing practical, solutions-based environmental leadership in the Puget Sound area. We work side-by-side with residents, businesses, and government to prevent and mitigate pollution and to make our community healthier and more vibrant.

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We understand that the Sound Mattress and Felt Co. site located at 1940 East 11th Street near the Sitcum Waterway in the Tacoma Tideflats is comprised of three parcels owned by the Port of Tacoma. Site groundwater is known to be contaminated above state cleanup levels with Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), including tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), dichloroethane (DCE), and vinyl chloride (VC). Heavy metals in the soil at the site include arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc.

CHB is grateful for the start of this cleanup process. We have two major concerns that we would like to see addressed by Ecology:

1. Complete delineation of the contaminated groundwater plume, and;
2. Demonstration of the groundwater plume's intersection with the Sitcum Waterway.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AO. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

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