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The Work Plan from the Dept. of Ecology must correctly characterize the Sundberg site as an illegal solid and hazardous waste dump site that operated outside the law for decades. Ecology must test the below the level of all fill to ensure city and neighboring wells are not being contaminated from the toxic waste buried on the site. They must also ensure that the high-pressure aquifer beneath the site (which is on a geologic fault) does not provide a pathway from the surface to the deeper aquifer.

Ecology must test for creosote and pentachlorophenol, highly toxic substances from the West Bay and Cascade Pole cleanups and found at the Port of Olympia. It must also test for chemicals like Agent Orange. In the 1970s, forests were routinely sprayed with these chemicals by Weyerhaeuser and were subsequently present in the logs that were deposited and debarked on site.

Ecology must test stormwater leaving the site and draining into nearby ponds, creeks and the Puget Sound. There is an ERTS complaint (1/12/21) containing clear video evidence that stormwater drains downhill to a pond and wetlands, and feeds Green Cove Creek. This drainage continues down to Butler Creek and to Budd Inlet. The Work Plan must include identification and remediation of this downstream flow. The flow passes into habitats for endangered and threatened species, and therefore the use of this land is subject to federal laws and oversight. Ecology needs to step up to that responsibility.

Thank you.