

## Sound Mattress and Felt Co. Site Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan Available for Public Review and Comment

### Comments accepted

**February 10 – March 13, 2022**

### Submit comments

#### Online

<http://tcp.ecology.commentintput.com/?id=ebmGM>

#### Mail

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### Document review options

#### Ecology's Site webpage

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/sitepage.aspx?csid=1615>

#### Tacoma Main Library

Northwest Room  
1102 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402  
Call 253-280-2814 to confirm  
opening hours

#### Ecology-Lacey Office

300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
By appointment only  
[PublicDisclosureSWRO@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:PublicDisclosureSWRO@ecy.wa.gov)  
360-407-6365

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### Cleanup contamination

Chlorinated volatile organic  
compounds (CVOCs) in  
groundwater

### Site information

Facility Site ID: 1232087  
Cleanup Site ID: 1615

### Public comment invited

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites your comment on the legal agreement, Agreed Order (AO) DE 19403, and Public Participation Plan for the Sound Mattress and Felt Co. Site (Site).

With this AO, Ecology is entering into a legal agreement with the Port of Tacoma (Port). The Port is a potentially liable person (PLP) responsible planning cleanup of hazardous substances at the Site.

Two documents are available for your review and comment.

- [Draft Agreed Order \(AO\) No. DE 19403](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/108635)  
(<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/108635>)

The AO requires preparation of documents required for planning cleanup of the Site. These documents include the Remedial Investigation (RI) report. The RI report identifies the type of contamination and where it is found at the Site. The Feasibility Study (FS) compares cleanup methods, and the preliminary draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP) describes the method used to clean up the Site.

- [Public Participation Plan](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/108862)  
(<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/108862>)

The plan describes how Ecology informs the community about cleanup at the Site. The plan encourages community involvement in cleanup decisions.

The comment period is from **February 10 to March 13, 2022**.

The blue box on the left shows where to comment and find more information on Ecology's Site webpage.

Ecology will consider comments submitted during the comment period and may change the documents based on comments.

## Site background

The Site is generally located at 1940 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street near the Sitcum Waterway in the Tacoma Tideflats. The Site is about 10 acres and includes nearby properties. The affected properties are on Thorne Road and Sitcum Plaza, on railway property, and street right-of-ways next to these properties. The Port owns the three affected parcels, including 2275200661 (also known as Parcel 91), 695000502, and 2275200633 (see Figure 1).

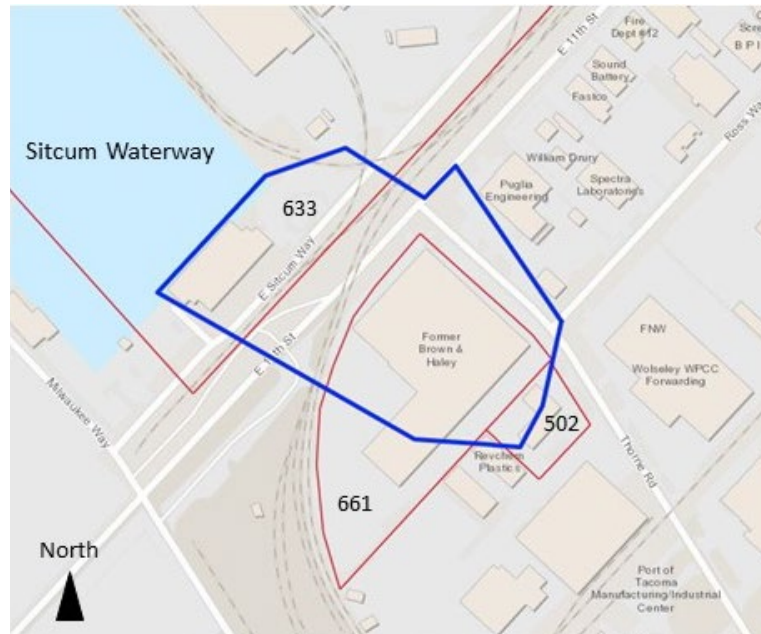


Figure 1. The blue line shows the Site location. The thin red lines show affected parcel boundaries. The last three numbers of parcel 2275200661, 695000502, and 2275200633 are shown. The areas are not exact.

In 2006-2007, the Port purchased Parcel 91 and in 2014-2015 demolished the building. Now trucks and trailers are stored there. The Port's administration building is across the street on the other side of East Sitcum Way, next to the Sitcum Waterway.

## Hazardous substances of concern at the Site

From about 2004 to 2014, several independent investigations showed that chemicals hazardous to human health and the environment are present in groundwater above state cleanup standards.

Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), including tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), dichloroethene (DCE), and vinyl chloride (VC) are present in groundwater above state cleanup levels. The area of solvent contamination in groundwater is called a plume.

PCE is a degreasing solvent used to clean metal parts. The Site likely has source areas where PCE was released to soil or groundwater. The plume of PCE is likely being chemically broken-down in some areas by naturally occurring microbes to form TCE, DCE, and VC.

Metals including arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc were also discovered in the soil at the Site.

## Agreed Order (AO) DE 19403

The AO requires the Port and Ecology to prepare the following documents:

- Port to complete the Remedial Investigation (RI) report explaining where and how much contamination there is at the Site. The RI report will identify actual and potential ways that people and the environment could be exposed to contamination.
- Port to complete the Feasibility Study (FS) comparing several ways to clean up the contamination. The comparison includes considerations of benefits, estimates of cost, and approximated time frames to clean up the contamination.
- Port will use the information in the RI/FS to complete a preliminary draft cleanup action plan describing the method to clean up the Site.
- Ecology will use the preliminary plan to prepare the draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP).

When completed, the RI/FS, and dCAP will be available for a 30-day public comment period (see Figure 2).

The Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) will be implemented under a separate legal agreement, which will also be available for public review and comment.

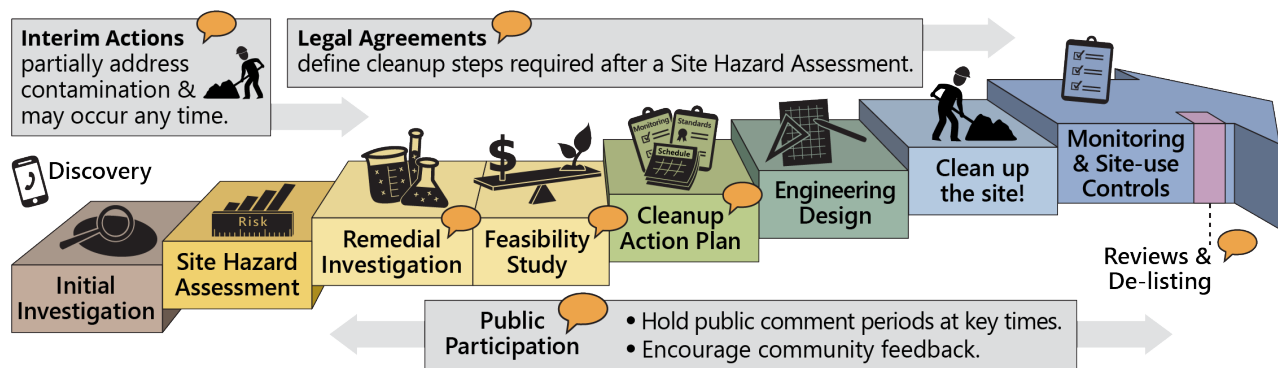


Figure 2. The Site will be cleaned up under the state’s cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The RI/FS, CAP, and public comment periods are critical steps in the cleanup process.

Please review the AO and Public Participation Plan and submit your comments, questions, and concerns to Ecology.

Your comment is valuable and helpful in the work we do. A comment can express support, disagreement, or give general information related to a project.

It is particularly helpful when a comment:

- Refers to the section or specific text of the document relevant to the comment.
- Explains why you agree or disagree and suggests alternatives.
- Gives an example to help us understand your comment.

Our website has more [commenting tips](https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Public-input-events/Commenting-tips) (https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Public-input-events/Commenting-tips).

**Submit your comment by the deadline March 13, 2022.**

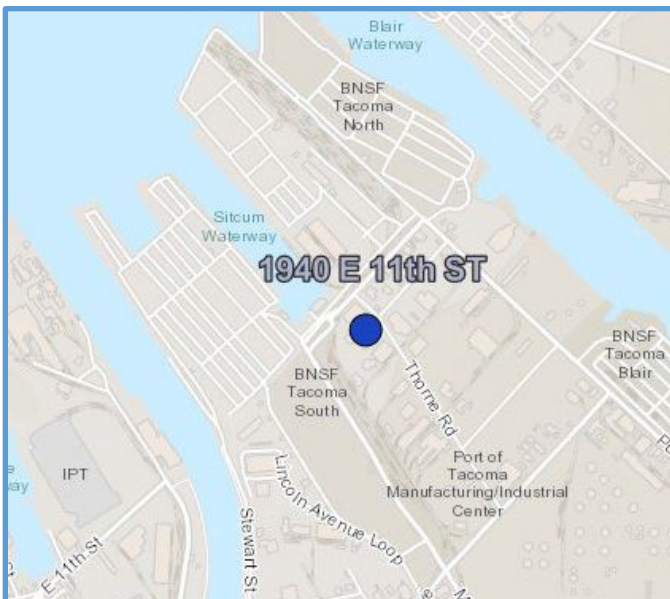
We prefer if you submit your comments online at <http://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=ebmGM>, but you can send comments to Sandy Smith at the email or mailing address shown in the blue box on the first page.



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**ECOLOGY**  
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## Sound Mattress and Felt Co. Site Comment Period for Agreed Order DE19403 and Public Participation Plan



### Public Comments Accepted

February 10, 2022 to March 13, 2022

Facility Site ID: 1232087, Cleanup Site ID: 1615

You live near the Site or have expressed interest in the cleanup. This fact sheet informs you about the proposed work and the opportunity for public comment.

### Habla Español?

Unáse al diálogo sobre Sound Mattress and Felt Co. Site. Cuando el período de comentarios termine, revisaremos los comentarios y haremos cambios antes de finalizar los documentos. Para más información en español llame al 360-489-4971 y solicite un intérprete.

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