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Re: Ecology Acceptance of Change in the Commencement Bay Record of Decision as Proposed in the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD)

- **Site Name:** Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site – Operable Unit 02 Asarco Tacoma Smelter Facility and Slag Peninsula
- **Site Address:** Ruston and Tacoma, WA
- **Facility/Site No:** 215
- **Cleanup Site No:** 712

Dear Ms. Huynh:

After reviewing the Explanation of Significant Differences for the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site Operable Unit 02, Asarco Tacoma Smelter Facility and Slag Peninsula (ESD, draft dated May 1, 2024), the Washington State Department of Ecology agrees with and accepts the change in the Commencement Bay Record of Decision as proposed in the ESD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360)999-9603 or jerome.lambiotte@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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