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Subject: Concurrence with Proposed Ordinance Amending SHMC 13.20
Connection to Water System in Critically Affected Chemical Area
Sweet Home Areawide Groundwater Contamination, ECSI 1240

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Thank you for providing the Department of Environmental Quality with an opportunity to review proposed amendments to the City ordinance requiring properties affected by chemical spill contamination to connect to the city water system. I have previously provided you with comments on the proposed ordinance, Sweet Home Municipal Code 13.20.025.

DEQ is supportive of the Amendment which, if passed, would provide property owners within the affected area an option to have their well water tested to demonstrate that contamination levels are consistently below safe drinking water standards. I would be happy to work with you on the development of your procedures, if that would be helpful.

Thank you for coordinating with the DEQ on this proposed new ordinance in advance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at 541-687-7349 or by email at hanson.don@deq.state.or.us.

Sincerely,

Donald Hanson, RG
Western Region Cleanup &
Emergency Response Section

cc: ECSI file 1240/COMM