

# **Reliable Steel, Inc.** 1218 West Bay Drive, Olympia

Department of Ecology welcomes your comments on the proposed Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is asking for your comments on the proposed Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of the contaminated Reliable Steel site in Olympia.

This agreement requires Bojo Investments, LLC (one of the potentially liable parties or PLPs) to do the following:

- Complete the Remedial Investigation of the site;
- Prepare a Feasibility Study to identify and evaluate cleanup remedies; and
- Prepare a draft Cleanup Action Plan.

Ecology welcomes your comments on the Agreed Order from December 3, 2007 - January 4, 2008. The green box to the right contains information about where to find docu-



What is an AGREED ORDER?

An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Parties (PLPs) that ensures cleanup activities are conducted in a timely fashion and comply with the Washington Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and other applicable laws and regulations.

The purpose of the document is to protect human health and the environment

The **Reliable Steel** cleanup is part of the **Puget Sound Initiative**, Governor Gregoire's effort to protect and restore the Puget Sound. The cleanup will help to reduce the amount of toxic pollutants in Budd Inlet and make the sound safer and healthier!

ments and submit comments. The **Public Participation Plan** can also be found at these locations.

#### Site Background

The Reliable Steel site is located on Budd Inlet at 1218 West Bay Drive in Olympia. The 4.25 acre site was originally developed as a lumber mill. Since 1941, the site has been used for boat building, welding and steel fabrication.

In 1993, Ecology inspected the site and found levels of arsenic and copper above Ecology standards for marine sediment quality. Ecology requested that welding slag and debris on or near the shore of Budd Inlet be removed.

Ecology was notified in 2006 that total petroleum hydrocarbons and heavy metals had been found above MTCA cleanup levels in soil and groundwater on the site. In May 2006, the site was placed on the "Confirmed and Suspected Contami-

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Review Documents at: WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office Toxics Cleanup Program 300 Desmond Dr. Lacey, WA 98503 (360) 407-6365

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#### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/ tcp/sites/reliable\_stl/rs\_hp.htm

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In August 2006, the site was included as part of the Puget Sound Initiative (see box on page 1) and became a priority for Ecology. Reliable Steel was removed from the Voluntary Cleanup Program due to inactivity and was entered into the formal MTCA cleanup program.

#### What happens next?

Ecology will consider public comment on the proposed **Agreed Order** and the order will be modified if necessary. Results of the **Remedial Investigation** and **Fea**-

**sibility Study** will guide the selection of the final cleanup remedy.

After the requirements of the RI/FS Agreed Order have been satisfied, Ecology will draft a **Cleanup Action Plan** which outlines the final cleanup activities. This document will be available for public comment.

#### **Ecology Wants Your Comments!**

Ecology will be accepting comments from December 3, 2007 - January 4, 2008. Information about document location and where to submit comments can be found in the green box on the right side of page 1. Ecology will respond to your comments at the end of the comment period.



#### **Reliable Steel Site Location**

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#### Step 1. Site Discovery and Initial Investigation

Sites may be discovered in a variety of ways. These include reports from the owner, an employee, or concerned citizens. Following discovery, an initial investigation is conducted to determine whether or not a site needs further investigation.

Reliable Steel contamination was discovered in 2006.

#### Step 4. Feasibility Study

The feasibility study takes the information from the remedial investigation and identifies and analyzes cleanup alternatives. As with the remedial investigation, a work plan is prepared which describes how the study will be done.

#### Step 2. Site Hazard Assessment and Hazard Ranking

Ecology confirms the presence of hazardous substances and determines the relative threat the site poses to human health and the environment, compared to other known sites. The site is then ranked from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest).

## The Reliable Steel site has not been ranked yet.

Interim Actions

#### Actions can be taken at any time during the cleanup process to reduce risk to human health and the environment.

#### A remedial investigation defines the nature extent and magnitude of pollution at

**Step 3. Remedial Investigation** 

ture, extent, and magnitude of pollution at a site. Before a remedial investigation starts, a detailed work plan is prepared which describes how the investigation will be done.

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#### **Step 5. Cleanup Action Plan**

A cleanup action plan is developed using information gathered in the remedial investigation and feasibility study. The plan specifies cleanup standards and methods. It describes the steps to be taken, including any additional environmental monitoring required during and after the cleanup, and the schedule.

#### Step 6. Cleanup!

Implementation of the cleanup action plan includes design, construction, operations, and monitoring.



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