



# Hardel Mutual Plywood, Inc.

## Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study and Interim Actions

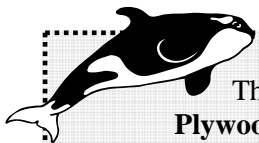
*Department of Ecology is requesting your comments!*

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is asking for your comments on the proposed **Agreed Order** for an **investigation, feasibility study and interim actions** at the Hardel Mutual Plywood site.

An **Agreed Order** is a legal document between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs) to ensure that proposed site investigation and cleanup activities are conducted in a timely fashion in accordance with the Washington Model Toxics Control Act (MTCOA) and other applicable laws and regulations.

This agreement requires Hardel Mutual Plywood, Inc. (Hardel) to complete the following:

- Remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination.
- Interim actions to remove free product and reduce contamination and risk to human health and the environment.
- Feasibility study to identify and evaluate cleanup alternatives.



The **Hardel Mutual Plywood** cleanup is part of the **Puget Sound Initiative**, Governor Gregoire's effort to protect and restore the Puget Sound. The cleanup will also help to reduce the amount of toxic pollutants and make the sound safer and healthier!

Ecology welcomes your comments on the **Agreed Order with Hardel Mutual Plywood from April 30 to May 30, 2007**. The gray box to the right contains information about where to find documents and submit comments.

### Site Background

The Hardel Mutual Plywood site is located at 1210 West Bay Drive NW in Olympia. The site is about 17.8 acres and extends from the railway right-of-way along West Bay drive east into intertidal and subtidal areas of Budd inlet (See page 2).

Hardel operated as a plywood manufacturing business from 1951 until 1996. The company ended operations after a fire severely damaged buildings on site. Those buildings have since been removed and only foundation walls, concrete slabs and drainage systems are still present on the site.

Historical site activities resulted in the release of petroleum products to soil and groundwater. Investigations at the site in 2004 confirmed presence of contamination, including:

- Heavy oil and diesel petroleum in groundwater and soil.
- Free floating petroleum product on the west site of the property.
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in soil (north area of property) and in groundwater (south area of property).

**April 2007**

**Ecology is Accepting  
Comments from  
April 30 - May 30, 2007**

**Review documents at the following locations:**

**Timberland Olympia Library**  
313 8th Avenue SE  
Olympia, WA 98501-9300  
(360) 352-0595

**WA State Department of Ecology**  
Southwest Regional Office  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
300 Desmond Dr.  
Lacey, WA 98503  
(360) 407-6365

**You can also find information on the Ecology web site:**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/hardel/hardel\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/hardel/hardel_hp.html)

**Submit your comments and technical questions to:**

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**Direct all public involvement questions to:**

**Meg Bommarito,**  
Public Involvement Coordinator  
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## What are Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons ?

**Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)** are a group of chemicals that have several natural and industrial sources, including:

- Automobile, airplane and ship exhaust
- Incomplete burning of organic material (garbage, oil, gas, coal or vegetation)

These chemicals are most likely to enter the environment through forest fires, car exhaust and burning of coal. People can be exposed to PAHs by breathing contaminated air, having exposure to contaminated water or soil or through ordinary sources like eating grilled meat or breathing cigarette smoke.

## What happens next?

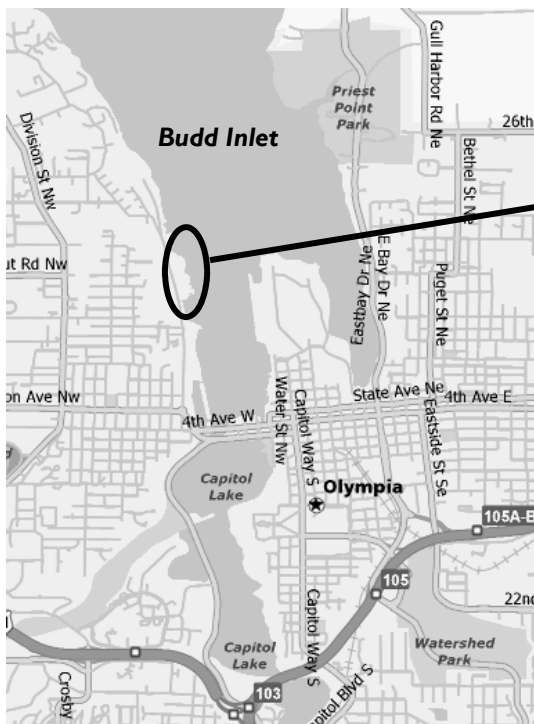
Ecology will consider public comment on the proposed **Agreed Order** and the order will be changed if necessary. A scope of work for **Interim Actions** will be drafted this summer. This document will be available for public comment.

Results of the **Remedial Investigation** and **Feasibility Study** will guide the selection of the final cleanup remedy. After the RI/FS has been finished, Ecology will draft a **Cleanup Action Plan** outlining the cleanup remedy. This document will also be available for public comment.

## Ecology Wants Your Comments!

*Ecology will be accepting comments on the Agreed Order from April 30 to May 30, 2007.* Information about where to view the document and submit comments can be found in the gray box on page 1. Ecology will respond to your comments at the end of the comment period.

## Hardel Mutual Plywood site





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**Public Comment Period**  
**April 30 - May 30, 2007**