

BSB Diversified: Response to Comments

Comment Period: May 9–June 24, 2022

Cleanup Site ID: 58
Facility ID: 2105

Address: 8202 S 200th St. Kent, WA
County: King

Comments received

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received one comment during the comment period.

From: Jeanette Burrage

Hello,

What is the proposal on the extension of the BSB clean up permit and what portions of it might the public influence?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Burrage

Ecology's response

Hi Jeanette!

The RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) permit that requires and oversees cleanup activities expires and must be renewed every ten years. The BSB cleanup basically consisted of building an underground wall to contain the contaminated groundwater, legal restrictions on the property to make sure the wall and pavement are maintained and no one withdraws groundwater for any use, and watching the levels of contaminants in groundwater wells at the property line, until they meet cleanup levels. There really isn't much to say about the permit, it's required by law and they have to have it until they meet cleanup levels. However, in the periodic review there are cleanup levels set for the solvent contaminant TCE and its breakdown products and where those cleanup levels have to be met. The cleanup levels used and where the cleanup levels have to be met are decisions where public comment can change what Ecology does. Also, public requests can cause Ecology to host a public meeting to explain the cleanup, the cleanup levels, and where the cleanup levels have to be met (the "point of compliance"). The point of compliance used in this case is their property line, which is less stringent than making them achieve cleanup levels throughout their property. Here is a link to [Ecology's BSB webpage](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/58),¹ where you can read more about what has happened and also get to the periodic review.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/58>

Thank you so much for commenting, please reach out if you have questions about what you find on the website.

Sincerely,

Christa Colouzis, PE
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Related documents

- [Draft Permit](#)² (Permit Lite)
- [Draft Periodic Review](#)³
- [Public Participation Plan](#)⁴

Background

The BSB cleanup site encompasses three properties:

- BSB Diversified Company, Inc. (BSB)
- Hexcel Corporation (Hexcel)
- J.H. Carr & Sons, Inc. (JH Carr)

At this site, BSB is the main source of the contamination. Hexcel and JH Carr are neighboring properties. Contamination from BSB polluted the groundwater.

Other nearby properties are also affected by contamination caused by chemical releases from these companies. All of these properties, including Hexcel, are collectively known as the BSB site.

From 1956 to 1987:

- Activities like manufacturing, plating, and metal finishing caused chemical releases on the BSB site.
- The site's metal finishing facilities used significant quantities of chlorinated solvents.
- The site used surface impoundments, settling lagoons, and container storage to manage, store, and dispose of dangerous waste.

² <http://ecyaptcp/cleanupsearch/document/76800>

³ <http://ecyaptcp/cleanupsearch/document/76786>

⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2204021.html>

Past cleanup actions included:

- Excavation and stabilization of metal-plating sludges and soils.
- Excavation of soils contaminated with chlorinated solvents.
- Installation of a groundwater hydraulic barrier designed to prevent migration.
- Installation of a groundwater monitoring slurry wall for groundwater containment.

We are currently in the final phase of the cleanup process (monitoring and site-use controls). Visit ecology.wa.gov/BSBdocs⁵ for more details about the BSB cleanup site.

Next steps

We will continue to monitor the cleanup to ensure it remains effective. BSB will submit monitoring results and 5-year reviews until cleanup levels are reached.

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⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/58>

⁶ ecology.wa.gov/accessibility