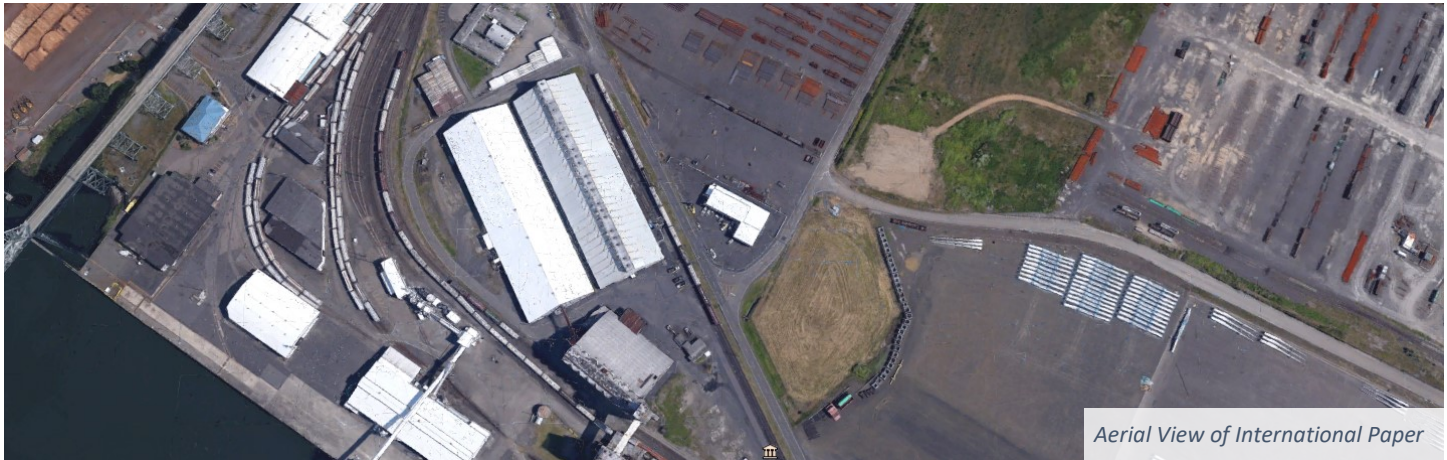


International Paper at the Port of Longview Draft Documents Available for Review and Comment



Aerial View of International Paper

Comments accepted:

January 18th – March 8th, 2021

Submit comments:

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<http://bit.ly/IntlPaperComments>

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<https://ecology.wa.gov/intlpaper>

Facility Site ID: 1080

Site Cleanup ID: 3685

See inside for document review locations.

A virtual public meeting will be held if at least 10 people request one.

We want to hear from you!

Ecology invites you to review and comment on a draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP), draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, and draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) for International Paper at the Port of Longview in Longview, WA. The plan focuses on cleanup activities in the Maintenance Facility Area (MFA) part of the site.

Draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP)

This dCAP was prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology in collaboration with International Paper Company. It meets the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), describes our proposed cleanup action, and sets the requirements for the cleanup.

Draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist

Ecology follows SEPA during site cleanups to find and evaluate large, negative environmental impacts that could result from a proposed action.

Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) encourages community involvement in the cleanup process. It outlines how people can comment on the cleanup.

When the public comment period ends, we will consider all public comments and may change the documents based on them. After considering all public comments, the documents will become final.

Public Meetings

At this time, there are no public meetings scheduled for this comment period. To request a virtual public meeting, please call 425-301-6454 or email janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Washington State's coronavirus response

Due to the coronavirus response, we are not hosting in-person public meetings or supporting physical document repositories. Documents for review are available online only. If a hearing is requested, we will determine the appropriate response under Washington's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. If you need access to a hard copy document, would like to request a hearing, or have other questions, please contact Janelle Anderson at 425-301-6454 or janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Documents Available for Public Comment

- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP):** This document presents the draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) for the Port of Longview Maintenance Facility Area (MFA) at the Former International Paper Facility near Longview, Washington. Read more at <http://bit.ly/IntlPaperDCAP>.
- **Draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist:** Ecology has reviewed the SEPA checklist submitted by International Paper and determined that the proposal will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. To view the draft SEPA checklist for International Paper at the Port of Longview go to: <http://bit.ly/IntlPaperSEPA>.
- **Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP):** This plan informs and involves the community in the cleanup process. It is designed under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and you can see it at <http://bit.ly/IntlPaperPPP>.

Site Background

International Paper treated wood products at the site for more than 40 years. From 1937 to 1982, wood treatment operations occurred in the Treated Wood Products (TWP) Area next to the MFA. Between 1947 and 1953, these operations sent liquid wastes from the northwest portion of the TWP Area through a trench that extended northwest through the area now identified as the MFA. The practices and chemicals used to treat wood led to soil and groundwater contaminated with petroleum products and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

Past Contamination and Cleanup at the Site

In the 1980s and 1990s, International Paper cleaned up contamination on the TWP part of its property. However, contamination remains in the MFA. This contamination is the focus of this dCAP.

Operations at the TWP Area ended in 1982 and International Paper dismantled the wood treatment operations—except for the boiler house and the treatment building's foundation.

The company submitted a closure plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ecology in 1985. In 1985, International Paper dug up contaminated soils from areas in the TWP Area, including two former surface impoundments (ponds that hold liquid waste). The contaminated soil was sent to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility (TSD). International Paper capped the area with a cover that keeps water out in 1989. Nearly all structures in the TWP Area (buildings, tanks, and related hardware) were removed or capped as part of closure activities.

During construction of a subsurface barrier wall at the TWP Area in 1997, contaminated soil was found in three areas along the path of the barrier wall. Additional investigations were conducted in the MFA to find the extent of contamination outside the barrier wall. Those investigations and an evaluation of possible cleanup actions are presented in the [Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study \(RI/FS\) Report](#)¹ for the MFA. This dCAP is for the areas in the MFA where contaminate concentrations in soil and groundwater exceed cleanup levels.

This public comment period covers cleanup documents about this area including the [Maintenance Facility Area DRAFT Cleanup Action Plan](#)², [Draft State Environmental Policy Act \(SEPA\) Checklist](#)³ and [Public Participation Plan DRAFT](#).⁴

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=75442>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=95466>

³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=96860>

⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2004054.html>

Finding a Cleanup Plan

The goals of these plans are to prevent exposure to contamination, remove and treat as much contaminated soil as possible, and prevent remaining contamination from heading off site.

For any state-run cleanup process, Ecology collects a group of cleanup options and does a structured analysis to consider seven factors for each option: protectiveness, permanence, cost, long-term effectiveness, management of short-term risks, technical and administrative implementability, and consideration of public concerns.

Both International Paper and the Port of Longview offered cleanup alternatives that are presented in the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. Both sets of options were reviewed for the seven criteria above. The dCAP prepared by Ecology includes elements from both.

Cleanup Plans for Soil and Groundwater

The dCAP describes the following approach to cleanup:

- Remove clean surface soil and stockpile on site for grading.
- Excavate soil contaminated from 3 to 4.5 feet (except for the utility corridor, which is 3–5 feet).
- Remove contaminated soil and send it to a specialized landfill.
- Solidify remaining soil from 4.5 to 9 feet in place to prevent spreading contamination.
- Regrade to maintain current topography.

Document Review Locations

In-person document review is not currently available. You may review documents online at Ecology's International Paper Longview website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/intlpaper>.

Once the Stay Home, Stay Healthy executive order ends and these locations open to the public, you may see the documents in person at:

Longview Public Library
1600 Louisiana St.
Longview, WA 98632
Phone: 360-442-5300

Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office
300 Desmond Dr. SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Phone: 360-407-6300
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Questions about accessing information?

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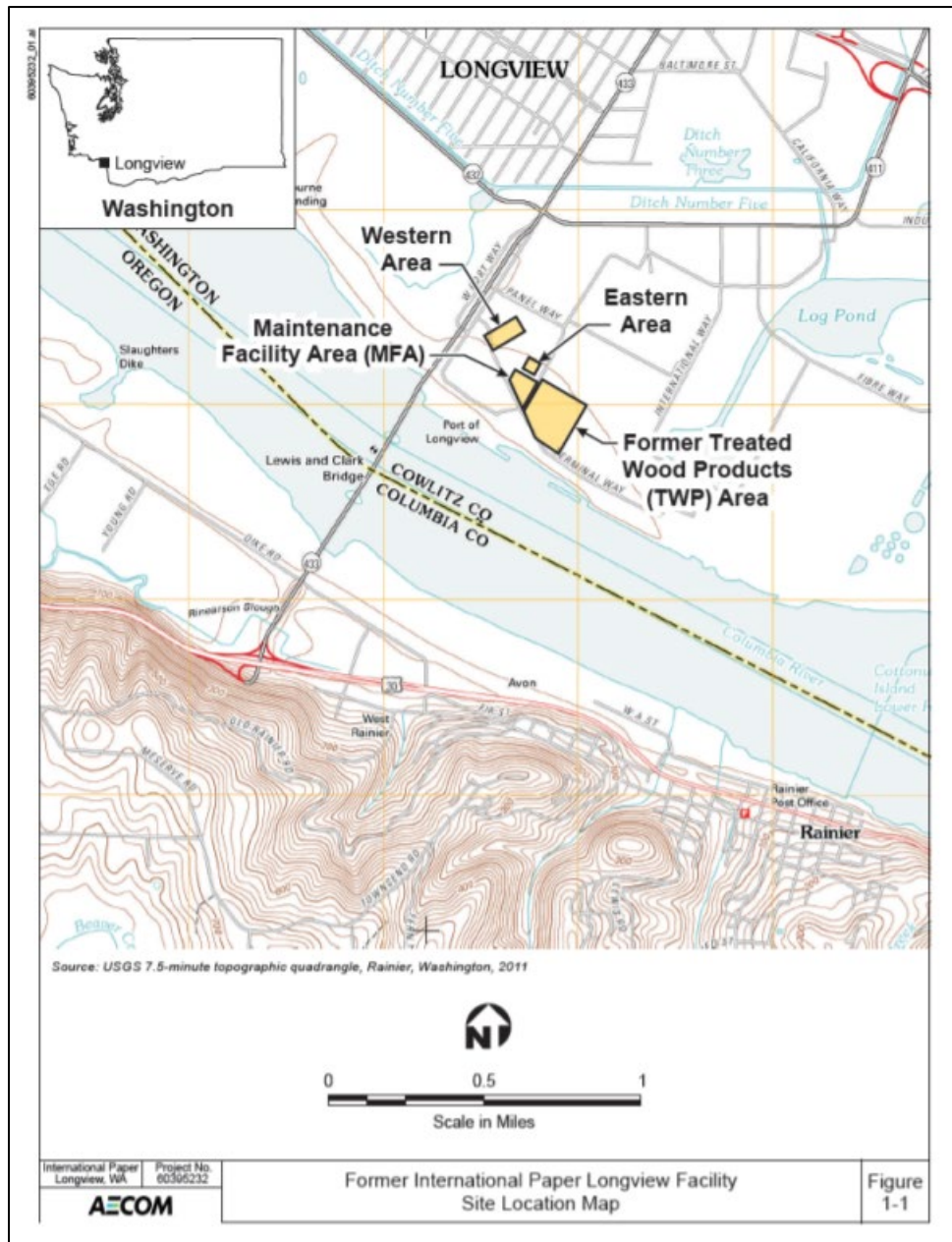
What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, we will review and consider all received comments. The dCAP, SEPA checklist, and PPP may change based on your comments. When new documents about the site are developed, you will be notified of any additional public comment periods. Once the Cleanup Action Plan is final, the next step is to develop a formal legal agreement called an Agreed Order (AO), which will detail how the cleanup will be carried out.

Borrador del Plan de Acción para la Limpieza

Una limpieza ambiental se está llevando a cabo en el sitio International Paper en Longview, WA. El borrador del Plan de Acción para la Limpieza está disponible para comentario público. Este plan describe como la limpieza protegerá a las personas y el medio ambiente de la contaminación en el sitio.

Former International Paper Facility Site Map





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Join the Discussion!

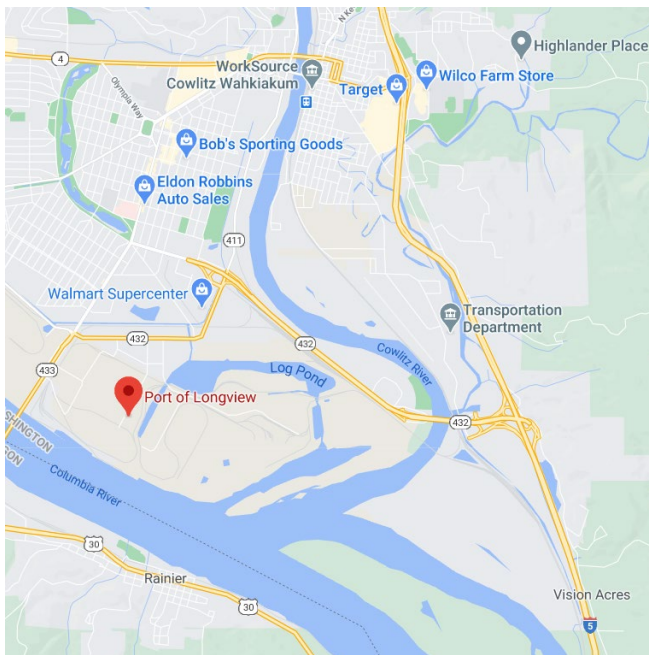


Figure 1: Port of Longview Google Map Location

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Información en español incluida: El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público relacionado a la limpieza ambiental del sitio International Paper. Para obtener este documento, o más información sobre este sitio, en español, favor de comunicarse con Gretchen Newman al 360-407-6097 o preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

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