

Buse Timber & Sales



Photo of Buse Timber & Sales

Comments accepted:

May 18, 2023 – June 17, 2023

How to Comment:

Online:

<https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=sFVZ5>

By mail:

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Site Information:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4340>

Facility Site ID: 2786
Site Cleanup ID: 4340

Review Documents

Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Everett Library

2702 Hoyt Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 257-8000

Ecology wants your input!

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites comments on the draft Agreed Order, and draft Public Participation Plan for the Buse Timber & Sales site (Site), located at 3812 28th Place NE, in Everett.

We invite you to review and submit your comments to Ecology on the following documents:

Draft Agreed Order

This is a formal agreement between Ecology and the potentially liable party (PLP), 3812 Everett Partners, LLC (Everett Partners), for cleanup actions needed at the Site. The agreement requires Everett Partners to complete a Remedial Investigation, Interim Actions (if required), Feasibility Study, ensure SEPA Compliance, and complete a draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP). These phases of work will be made available for public comment.

Draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology developed a draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) that outlines how you and your neighbors can learn about the cleanup at this Site and provide your input. The draft PPP explains how we will notify the public of upcoming opportunities to get involved and how comments will be used for cleanup decisions.

Site background and contamination

The Buse Timber & Sales Site is located on Smith Island in the Snohomish River floodplain and is bordered to the north by Union Slough, the east by Interstate 5, and to the west and south by commercial and/or industrial businesses. A lumber mill started operations at this location in the 1940s and is still in use.

The Buse Timber & Sales property is comprised of roughly 60 acres and features a sawmill facility, a log float beach ramp on Union Slough, log storage, a hog fuel (used oil and sawdust) mixing area, dip tanks to control sap stain with a soluble fungicide, and 11 buildings used for storage and maintenance. In addition, historical operations at the facility have also included a log pond (from 1950's until the mid-1960's), an underground storage tank system (1960's to 1990's), and a former dip tank location which used pentachlorophenol to treat wood (1940's to 1980's).

Concentrations of potentially hazardous chemicals above cleanup levels established by the State of Washington have been documented in previous sampling of soil, groundwater, and sediment conducted at the Site. The following chemicals have been identified above cleanup levels:

- Soil – arsenic and non-halogenated petroleum/diesel,
- Groundwater – arsenic, halogenated organics, non-halogenated petroleum/diesel, and
- Sediment – Dioxins/Furans and mercury

Why it matters

The substances described above are hazardous chemicals and some, like dioxins, are carcinogenic (potentially cancer causing). These substances pose a potential threat to human health and the environment. Cleaning them up lessens the risk of their spreading and contaminating other areas or being more difficult to clean up later.

Ecology's cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is Washington's environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. Ecology administers MTCA and oversees cleanups.

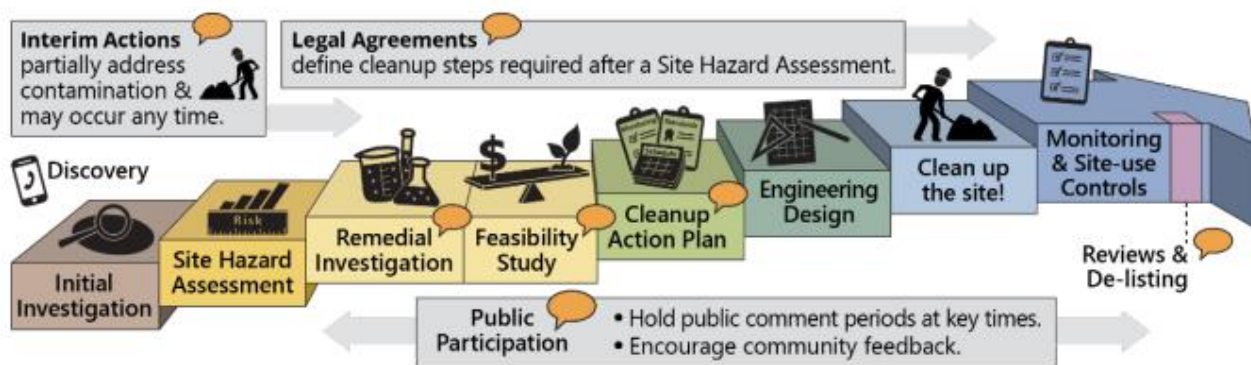


Figure 1. The MTCA site cleanup process is completed in steps. This site is in the first step in Washington's cleanup process.

What happens next

We will consider all comments we receive during the public comment period, and we may change the documents based on your comments. If no significant changes are made, the draft Public Participation Plan and the draft Agreed Order will be finalized.

Where to the find documents

You can find the draft Public Participation Plan and the draft Agreed Order in person at the Department of Ecology, and the Everett Library listed on the first page of this fact sheet. Or, you can view them and other project documents on the project website at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4340#site-contaminants>



Figure 2: Map showing the location of the Buse Timber & Sales in Everett, Washington

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