

Weyerhaeuser Mill A Cleanup Site



Comments Accepted

April 8, 2024 – May 7, 2024

How to Comment

Online

<https://tcp.ecology.wa.gov/commentinput.com/?id=Zf94FKsMt>

By mail

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Site Information

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupssearch/site/2146>

Facility Site ID: 1884322

Site Cleanup ID: 2146

Review Documents

Department of Ecology

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Everett Library

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Ecology wants your input!

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites comments on the Draft Agreed Order and Draft Interim Action Plan for the Weyerhaeuser Mill A site located at 3500 Terminal Avenue in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.

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

Draft Agreed Order: This is a formal legal agreement between Ecology and the potentially liable party (PLP), the Port of Everett, for cleanup actions needed at the site.

Draft Interim Action Plan: This document describes work to divert stormwater drainage that needs to happen prior to site cleanup and is an exhibit to the draft Agreed Order.

Site Background and Contamination

The site on Port Gardner Bay is one of several sites located on the waterfront that is being studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative. This site was formerly used for a range of industrial activities including pulp manufacturing, saw milling, ship building, shingle milling and log handling, and was in operation from the 1890s to the early 1980s. The Port purchased the property in 1983 and, in 1987, developed the property for use as a log yard. Log handling operations were performed there until around the mid-2000s. The site is currently being used as a breakbulk and container cargo terminal.

Past environmental investigations at the site (prior to 2010) have documented the presence of hazardous substances in soil, groundwater, and marine sediments that were released by historical industrial operations. The hazardous substances are listed below:

- Soil – Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), naphthalene, and total petroleum hydrocarbons in the gasoline range (TPH-Gasoline).
- Groundwater – Metals, cPAHs, TPH-Gasoline, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, and carbazole.
- Sediment – Metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), PAHs, other semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), dioxins/furans and wood debris.

Before cleanup at this site is conducted, the existing stormwater collection and treatment system in the Upland Area of the site needs to be reconfigured and upgraded to accommodate additional flow to a reconfigured area. This includes permanently sealing a stormwater outfall, redirecting stormwater from that outfall to a treatment area, and updating technology used in the treatment area.

Draft Agreed Order

An Agreed Order is a legal agreement. This order requires the Port of Everett to perform an Interim Action at the Weyerhaeuser Mill A site. It outlines the contamination at the site, the determinations that Ecology has made for the site, the purpose of the Interim Action, and the work that will be performed.

Draft Interim Action Plan

The Draft Interim Action Plan documents the need for an Interim Action and the scope of work to be completed at the site as part of the Interim Action. An Interim Action can occur at any time during the cleanup process. In this case, Ecology determined that stormwater needed to be diverted at this site prior to site cleanup. Refer to Figure 1 below for an overview of the steps in the Model Toxics Control Act cleanup process.

Why it Matters

The contaminants identified at this site are hazardous chemicals and pose a potential threat to human health and the environment. Cleaning them up decreases the risk of them 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 enacts the MTCA and oversees cleanups. The MTCA Site cleanup process is completed in steps (see below) over a timeline that may change from project to project.



Figure 1.

The MTCA Site cleanup process is completed in steps. This Site is in the third and fourth step in Washington's cleanup process.

What Happens Next

We will consider all comments we receive during the comment period, and we may change the documents based on your comments. If no significant changes are made, the Draft Agreed Order and the Draft Interim Action Plan will be finalized and then we will move forward with the Interim Action.

Where to Find Documents

You can find the Draft Agreed Order, and Draft Interim Action Plan in person at the Department of Ecology or at the Everett Library. They can also be viewed on the project website at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/2146>.



Figure 2: Map of project area.

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