

Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan available for public review and comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites comments on the following documents addressing the Wesmar Company, Inc. site, aka Former Wesmar Ballard Facility. Bridge Group II, LLC owns property at 1401/1451 Northwest 46th Street, Seattle, Washington.

The Department of Ecology invites you to read and comment on the following documents:

- Agreed Order
- Public Participation Plan

These documents can be viewed at the various repository locations. We encourage you to review and comment on these documents from Dec. 14, 2007 - Jan. 14, 2008.

Agreed Order

On Dec. 12, 2007, Ecology and Bridge Group II, LLC, entered a legal agreement called an **Agreed Order**. This order requires Bridge Group II, LLC to proceed with the investigation and cleanup process for Wesmar Company, Inc. site (Ecology Facility Site #2194). As part of this process, Bridge Group II, LLC agrees to conduct the following actions:

- Conduct a remedial investigation which will assist Bridge Group II, LLC in determining the extent of contamination.
- Prepare a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) report, which will present the results of the investigation and evaluate cleanup options.
- Prepare a draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP), which will use RI/FS information to describe a preferred cleanup action.

This Agreed Order will help facilitate final clean up and revitalization of the property.

Public Participation Plan

The public participation plan is designed to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process.

The plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process.

December 2007

**Public Comment Period:
Dec. 14 – Jan. 14, 2008**

Wesmar Company Inc, website:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/wesmar/wesmar_hp.htm

Documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

WA State Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008
Call for an appointment:
Sally Perkins (425) 649-7190
(425) 649-4450 Fax
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Hours: Tuesday – Thursday
8 AM- 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM

Ballard Branch Public Library
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Seattle, WA 98107
(206) 684-4089

Submit Comments or Technical Questions to:

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Site Background

Bridge Group II, LLC currently owns the property that was formerly known to be operated by Wesmar Company, Inc., a chemical product manufacturer and distributor, and Color Tech, Inc, (aka, Color-Tech, Inc; Colortech,Inc.) a metal coating service.

The property is located in a commercial/industrial area in the community of Ballard. Portions of the property are located within 200 feet of the shoreline for Lake Washington Ship Canal, a freshwater surface body. It is known to have been operated from 1905 to 1917 by Pacific Coast Pipe Company, which used and stored the wood preservative creosote. In 1991, two underground fuel storage tanks are reported to have been removed from the property. Property plans are to undergo redevelopment to a multi-story mixed-use office/retail complex with an underground parking facility. Improvements to the property will also include new sidewalks, trees, and improved lighting.

Contaminants of Concern

The following hazardous substances are chemicals of concern (COCs) for subsurface soil and groundwater at the site.

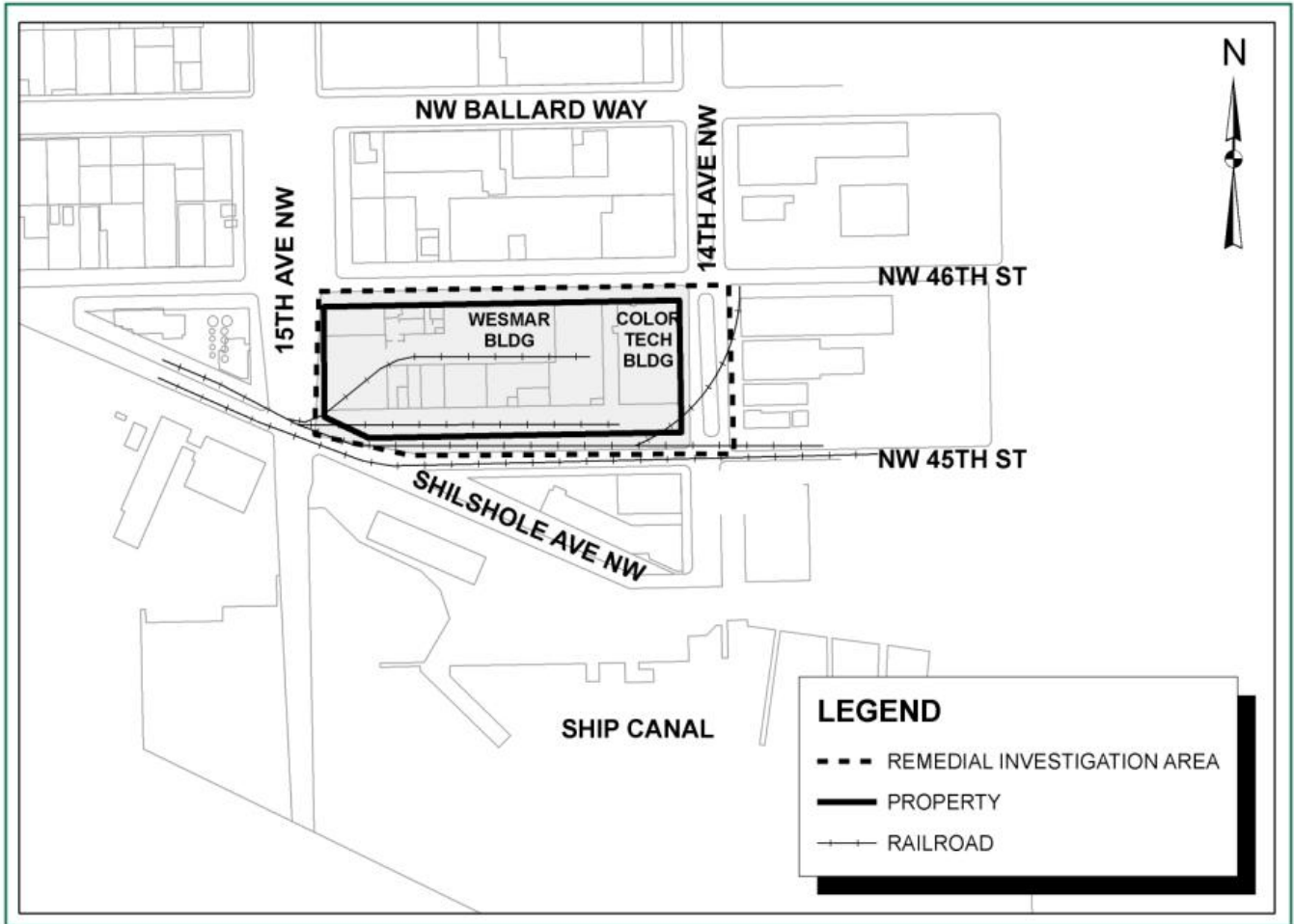
- Heavy metals, including arsenic, lead, barium, and chromium;
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs);
- Gasoline-range petroleum hydrocarbons;
- Diesel-range petroleum hydrocarbons;
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for any suggested changes to the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan. If no significant changes are necessary, the Public Participation Plan will be considered final and the remedial activities will proceed as ordered.

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearing, workshop, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public event calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. Read Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting at this link to learn more about the public comment process.

Wesmar Company, Inc. Area Map



<p>REGION</p>	<p>SITE NAME: FORMER WESMAR PROPERTY</p>	<p>0 105 210 420 FEET 1" equals 200'</p>	<p>PROPOSED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AREA</p>
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Wesmar Company, Inc. site

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on an Agreed Order and Public
Participation Plan

Public Comment Period

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