

Former Grays Harbor Paper Cleanup



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Draft Cleanup Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan Comment Period

- June 4 through July 9, 2024.
- More information is available on the [Grays Harbor Paper cleanup website](#).
- Cleanup Site ID: 2262.
- Facility Site ID: 44124741.

Send Us Your Comments

The Dept of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan for cleanup actions at the former GRAYS HARBOR PAPER site.

- [Online](#)
- By Mail:

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Location

The site is located at 801 23rd Street in Hoquiam (Grays Harbor County), WA.



Background

The site operated as a pulp and/or paper mill from the 1920s to 2013. The site is currently not operating. Industrial practices and historical land use by the mill owners and operators has resulted in contamination at the site.

Proposed Actions

The draft cleanup Agreed Order requires Rayonier A.M. Properties LLC to investigate contamination at the site, evaluate options for cleanup, and develop a draft plan to clean up the contamination. The Public Participation Plan describes how Ecology will engage with the public during the cleanup process.

Why it matters-

Historical independent investigations conducted by previous site owners and operators have detected the following contaminants in soil or groundwater at the site:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons from diesel, gasoline, and oil
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
- Polychlorinated biphenyls
- Metals including lead, chromium, and mercury.
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene
- Volatile organic compounds

At certain concentrations, these pollutants can pose a threat to human health and the environment. The draft cleanup Agreed Order begins the cleanup process under the Model Toxics Control Act, Washington state's cleanup law.

What happens next?

When the comment period ends, we will review all comments received before making a decision.

Where to find documents

- Online:
 - [Agreed Order](#)
 - [Public Participation Plan](#)
- In person:
 - Hoquiam Timberland Library, 420 7th Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550, 360-532-1710.
- In person by appointment:
 - Department of Ecology, Industrial Section, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA. Contact Connie Naotsuka at (564) 669-4474.

Request a Public Hearing

Ecology will hold a public hearing if 10 or more people request a hearing. If you'd like to request a public hearing to provide oral comments on this action, please send your request in writing:

- [Online](#),
- By email: tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov,
- By Mail:

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Related Information and ADA Accommodation

- [Model Toxics Control Act](#) (MTCA)
- [Steps in the cleanup process](#)
- To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-6831 or email at ecyadacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov, or visit ecology.wa.gov/Accessibility. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.