

Responsiveness Summary

No Comments Received

Pacific Wood Treating Off-Property

Cleanup Site ID: 3020

Facility ID: 1019

Address: Neighborhood east of the Port of Ridgefield waterfront property at 111 West Division St, Ridgefield

County: Clark County

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2025 Public Comment Period

Ecology held a public comment period from January 9, 2025, at 8:00 AM to February 10, 2025, at 11:59 PM. We received no comments. There were no changes to the documents. Ecology is in the process of finalizing the documents.

Documents Available for Public Review and Comment:

- Agreed Order DE 12769
- Draft Off-Property Cleanup Action Plan
- Draft Off-Property Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
- State Environmental Policy Act: Determination of Non-Significance

Site Background

From 1964 to 1993, Pacific Wood Treating (PWT) operated in the general area of 111 West Division Street in Ridgefield. At the facility, PWT pressure-treated wood products and poles using a variety of hazardous chemicals, including pentachlorophenol. Commercial pentachlorophenol is a mixture that contains dioxins, which is formed when pentachlorophenol is manufactured. In 1993, PWT stopped using pentachlorophenol, when the facility closed and declared bankruptcy. In 1996 the port started cleanup of the facility. By 2015, cleanup at the former PWT plant site was completed.

Starting in 2009, Ecology and the port sampled soil in the neighborhood east of the port's property to find the extent of contamination from PWT that moved beyond the plant's boundary. Dioxins were the only contaminant found in soil above state cleanup levels in the area outside the port property. Dioxin-contaminated soil likely came from airborne dust from PWT operations. Dust may have blown off the port property, been tracked onto roads from truck tires, and come off trucks hauling treated wood on Ridgefield city streets.

29 properties and rights of way have already been cleaned up.

Next Steps

This work will be the last two phases of yard soil replacement in 15 yards and rights of way. We plan to begin yard soil replacement for ten properties and rights of way in Phase 1 in mid-2025. Preconstruction work for the five properties and rights of way in Phase 2 will begin in early 2025. Phase 2 soil replacement will begin when funding is secured.

We used several years of sampling results to choose which properties need cleanup. The Port of Ridgefield's consultant, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. (ridgefieldyardcleanup@maulfoster.com) will manage the soil replacement work. Our plan for cleaning up yards with dioxins in soil is to:

- Remove about 12-24 inches of soil
- Add a layer of clean soil and restore landscaping