

# Public Comment Period for Cosmo Specialty Fibers Agreed Orders and Public Participation Plan



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## Draft Agreed Orders and Public Participation Plan

- **Comment Period:** 12:01 am, August 5 through 11:59 pm, September 16, 2025.
- **Public Meeting and Hearing:** September 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Grays Harbor College, 1620 Edward P Smith Dr, Aberdeen, WA 98520, the Schermer/4000 Building, Room 4134 A & B.
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 2375
- **Facility Site ID:** 32
- **Site Location:** 1701 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Cosmopolis, WA 98537

## Comment on the proposed cleanup documents

The Dept of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed Agreed Orders and Public Participation Plan for the Cosmo Specialty Fibers site.

Written comments may be submitted:

- [Online](#)
- At the public hearing: September 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm Schermer/4000 Building, Room 4134, Grays Harbor College.

- By mail:

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## Project Information:

Ecology negotiated an agreed order with each of the Potentially Liable Parties (PLPs), Cosmo Specialty Fibers (Cosmo) and Weyerhaeuser. The agreed orders require Cosmo and Weyerhaeuser to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study and draft a cleanup action plan.

The Public Participation Plan is Ecology's plan for public outreach. It has information on how we will reach out to the public about this cleanup project, and how the public can share input with us.

## [Agreed Orders and Public Participation Plan](#)

Read the proposed documents at the following locations:

- [Online](#)
- Department of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive SE

Lacey, WA  
360-407-6916

- Timberland Regional Library  
Aberdeen Branch  
121 E. Market Street  
Aberdeen, WA  
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 am – 6 pm

### History of the site

The pulp mill was constructed at the site in 1957. The mill made paper grade products until 1962, when production was converted to dissolving and specialty grade pulp. The mill made pulp by using magnesium sulfite to cook wood chips, then bleached the pulp using chlorine dioxide and other chemicals.

Weyerhaeuser operated the mill until September 2006, when production shut down. In May 2011 the mill resumed operation as Cosmo Specialty Fibers (Cosmo). In December 2022, Cosmo shut down its production and transferred ownership to Charlestown Investment. The mill has remained shut down while the new owner pursues investors to re-start mill operations.

### Why it matters

Industrial practices and historical land use by the mill owners and operators have resulted in contamination at the site. Over the years, there have been documented releases or spills, a list of which can be found in the Public Participation Plan.

Contamination at the site has not been fully investigated. The draft agreed orders require the liable parties to conduct a remedial investigation (RI) which will provide additional information on the location and types of contaminants at the site.

### What happens next

When the comment period ends, we will review all comments received before we make a final decision on the documents.

If you would like to be added to the list of interested parties for the cleanup at Cosmo Specialty Fibers and receive updates on Ecology's Industrial Section

actions at the site, contact Tara Roberts at 360-280-4325 or [tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov).

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### en Español

Hay un período de comentarios para una nueva instalación que se está llevando a cabo. Usted puede revisar y comentar sobre los borradores de los documentos del permiso. Estos describen los requisitos ambientales con los que debe cumplir una instalación industrial. Comuníquese con Tara Roberts al 360-280-4325 o [tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov) para obtener más información.

### ¿Necesita ayuda o tiene preguntas?

Ofrecemos servicios de traducción e interpretación sin costo. Si necesita estos servicios, envíe un correo electrónico a [tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov) o llame al 360-280-4325. Si llama, pida que le conecten con un intérprete.