DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Exterior Wood, Inc.:

2026 Cleanup Documents Ready for Review and Comment



Comments Accepted
Aug. 10 - Sept. 11, 2026

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Site Cleanup ID: 11752

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Ecology invites you to review and comment on documents about the cleanup of Exterior Wood, located at 2685 Index Street in Washougal. The site has a history of wood-treating operations that have resulted in soil and groundwater contamination.

Public Comment Period and Public Meeting

The public comment period is open from August 10, 2026, at 12:00 a.m. PT, through September 11, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT. A public meeting will be held if there is significant public interest. Public notice of a meeting will be provided 30 days in advance.

Documents Available for Review

- **Draft Agreed Order:** Describes required cleanup actions and responsibilities.
- **Draft Public Participation Plan:** This plan encourages community involvement in the cleanup process.

Visit https://ecology.wa.gov/ExteriorComment to view the documents and submit your comments.

We Want to Hear From You!

We invite you to review and comment on the cleanup documents.

Scan to Comment

Site Background

The site has been an operating wood-treatment facility in the Camas-Washougal Industrial Park since 1977. The purpose of wood treatment is to increase the longevity of wood, by creating rot and insect resistant lumber products.



The process presses wood preservatives deep into the wood fibers. Once treated, the wood dries over a drip pad. At Exterior Wood, this process resulted in accidental leaks of wood-preserving chemicals, causing contamination under the drip pad.

Historical preservatives used at this site include chromated copper arsenate (CCA), copper azole, borate, and boric acid. Sampling conducted over decades has documented contamination from these wood-preserving chemicals, containing arsenic, chromium, and copper in soil and groundwater.

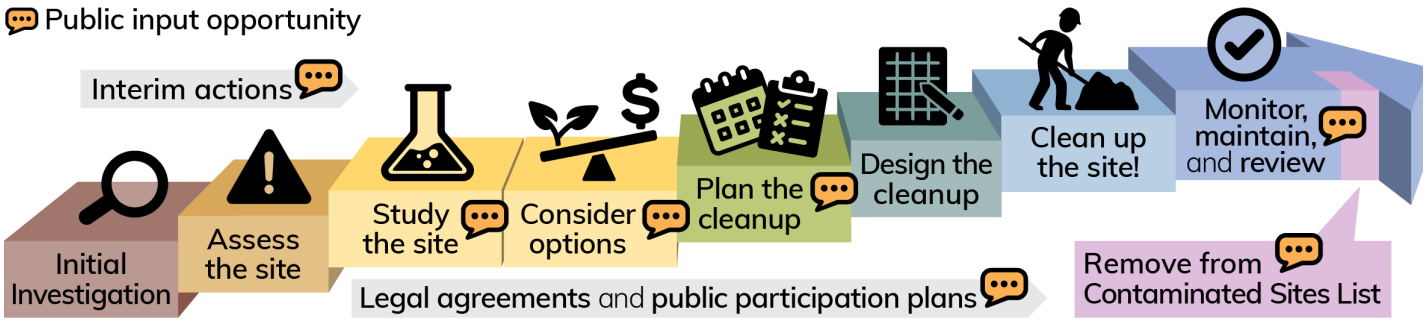
Site History

- **1977 –** Wood treatment began at the site.
- **1993 –** Exterior Wood, Inc. became site operator and owner.
- **1995 –** Exterior Wood notified Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of an accidental chemical release due to the discovery of drip pad deficiencies. Contaminated soil and asphalt were excavated from accessible areas and drip pad repairs were completed. CCA contamination remained in place in areas difficult to access. Additional wells were added to the groundwater monitoring network by Exterior Wood.
- **1996 –** Bishoprick Properties, Inc. became the property owners. Exterior remained the site operator.
- **2011 –** Exterior Wood reported to Ecology regarding known soil and groundwater contamination, including arsenic and suspected metals.
- **2012 –** Exterior and Ecology entered into Agreed Order 7971 to bring the drip pad system into compliance.
- **2018 –** A Remedial Alternatives Evaluation was completed by Exterior Wood to assess cleanup options for arsenic and other contaminants.
- **2018 –** Exterior Wood was purchased by Taiga Building Products as a wholly owned subsidiary.
- **2019 –** Exterior Wood installed a groundwater extraction system to address elevated arsenic concentrations. Extracted groundwater is reused in arsenic-containing wood treating processes.
- **2021 –** Exterior Wood notified Ecology of the extraction system with a technical memorandum.



The Cleanup Process

Exterior Wood must clean up the contamination. Ecology applies both the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the state Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) regulations to clean up hazardous waste sites. The cleanup protects human health and the environment from dangerous wastes and chemicals.



Washington's formal cleanup process in English.

El Proceso de Limpieza de Washington en Español.

华盛顿州的清理流程。

How to Submit Comments

To submit your comments, questions, or concerns about any of the proposed permit documents, visit Ecology's eComments page: https://ecology.wa.gov/ExteriorComment.

In-person document review is available at:

Ecology's Southwest Region Office
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, Washington 98503
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Washougal Community Library
1661 "C" Street
Washougal, WA 98671
(360) 906-4860

You can also view the documents online at: https://ecology.wa.gov/ExteriorComment.

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, we'll review and consider all comments. The documents may change based on your comments. When new documents are available, we'll notify you about additional public comment periods.

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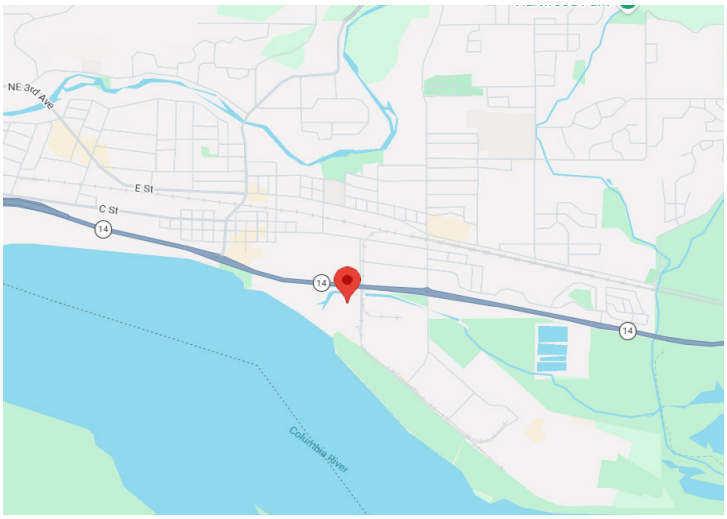
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Join the Discussion!



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Cleanup at Exterior Wood

Ecology seeks your comments on a draft Agreed Order and draft Public Participation Plan for the cleanup of Exterior Wood in Washougal, Washington.

Public Comment Period

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