

Cleanup Resuming

The Port of Tacoma (port) is preparing to resume cleanup work at the Atofina Chem Log Yard site at 3009 Taylor Way in Tacoma. The port began an Interim Action (partial) cleanup under a 2008 Agreed Order (legal agreement) with the Department of Ecology (Ecology).

The Interim Action work plan was for the clean up of a toxic-waste landfill. The landfill held contaminated soil, woodwaste, and slag. The slag leached heavy metals such as arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc into the soil. Arsenic was the main contaminant above the state Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup level. The first phase of this Interim Action was completed in Spring 2009.

Interim Action Phase 2

The port will begin the second phase of cleanup after the comment period. The port will remove remaining soils that are contaminated with arsenic. You may view the Interim Action work plan at the website link in the box at right.

SEPA Comment Period

Before the port can start work, Ecology will hold a comment period on a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review of the project. The SEPA documents are 1) a Checklist and 2) a Determination of Nonsignificance. Together, they describe the potential environmental impacts of the cleanup work.

You may view the SEPA at the Document Review Locations, or at the Ecology website, listed in the box to the right. There you can also find contact information for questions and to send comments. The comment period is March 13—March 27, 2013.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period:

- Ecology will respond to public comments and questions.
- The port will begin the cleanup action.

Once the port has completed the work required by this Agreed Order, Ecology will write a final Cleanup Action Plan and publish it for public comment. The port and Ecology will need to sign a new Agreed Order requiring the port to complete the final cleanup.

Comments Accepted

March 13 through March 27 2013

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay
535 Dock Street, Suite 213
Tacoma, WA 98402
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**WA Department of Ecology
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300 Desmond Drive SE
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By appointment only:
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3635>



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Public Comment on a SEPA for Proposed Cleanup Action

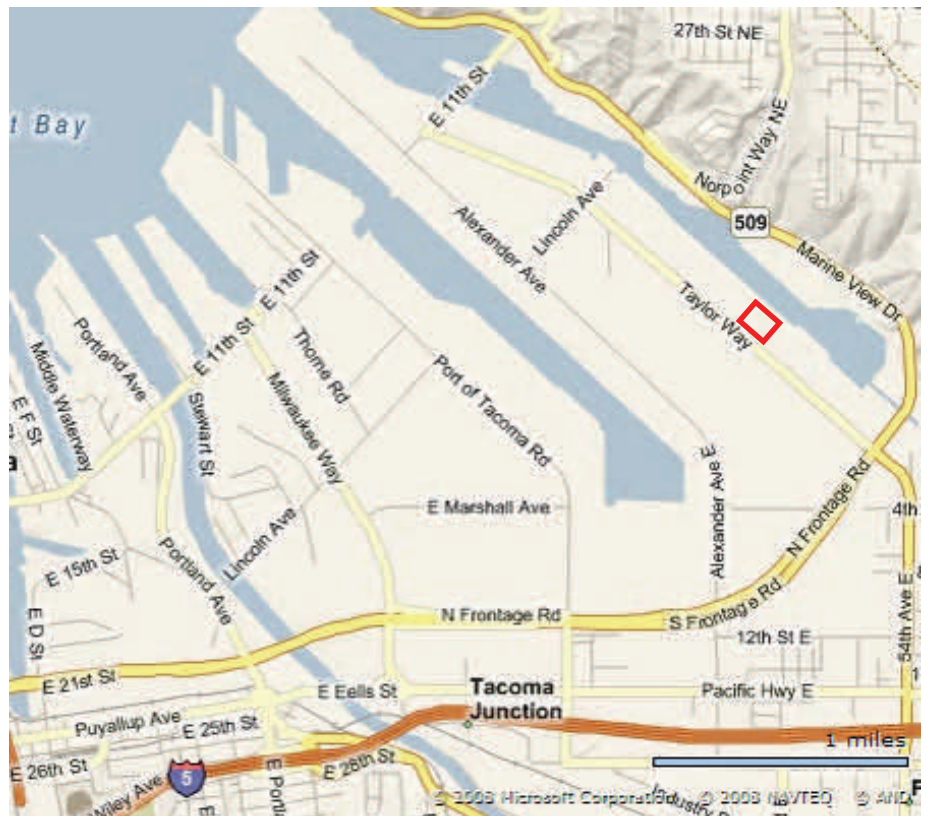
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