

Agreed Order and Draft Cleanup Plan Available for Public Comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is entering into a new Agreed Order (legal agreement) with the Port of Tacoma (port) for its Parcel 88 site. The site is located at 1621 Marine View Drive (map on page 4).

Three documents are available for review and comment at locations listed to the right:

- **Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS Report)**—Describes prior cleanup actions, and the current nature and extent of contamination. It also evaluates possible final cleanup actions.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (draft CAP)**—Describes how the port will clean up remaining contamination.
- **Agreed Order**—Requires the port to complete the final cleanup actions in the CAP.

Ecology Wants Your Comments

Ecology is accepting comments on these documents from **April 18 through May 20, 2013**. The box to the right shows where you can review documents and how to submit comments.



Parcel 88 cleanup activities in 2010 (photos courtesy of the Port of Tacoma) For more information, visit:

<http://www.portoftacoma.com/hylebos-creek>

Comments Accepted

April 18 – May 20, 2013

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

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Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

535 Dock St., Suite 213
Tacoma, WA 98402
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WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
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By appointment only:

Contact Susie Baxter,
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(360) 407-6365

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5897>

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Final Cleanup Work Proposed

The port has finished the RI/FS, and is now ready to complete cleanup at the site. The new agreed order requires the port to:

- Develop a plan to sample groundwater to confirm the success of the prior site cleanup work.
- Conduct groundwater monitoring.

Ecology will compare quarterly sampling results with state cleanup levels. If results are repeatedly below state cleanup levels, Ecology will consider the cleanup complete.

Interim Action Cleans Up Site

Both soil and groundwater at the site were contaminated with:

- Diesel and oil-range total petroleum hydrocarbons.
- Metals: Lead, copper, arsenic and zinc.

In 2010, the port did an interim action in which it cleaned up contaminated soil and groundwater. The port removed 254,000 tons of contaminated soil, debris, and an old, underground storage tank.

New Wildlife Habitat

From the 1950s until 2006, Parcel 88 was a gravel and sand mine and solid waste recycling facility. After the port bought the property it cleaned up contamination. It also restored the site as native habitat for:

- Terrestrial plants and animals
- Aquatic organisms

The port created 10.8 acres of new habitat and enhanced and restored another nearly 19 acres. The total restoration project involved approximately 30 acres (see photos on page 3).

The port restored the site to mitigate for lost habitat. Habitat was lost during construction of other port-related projects, through industrial

contamination of Commencement Bay, and by actions of former property owners.

As part of the cleanup, the port will place a restrictive (environmental) covenant on Parcel 88. It requires the site to be preserved indefinitely as natural environment.

What Happens Next

Ecology will:

- Consider and respond to your comments.
- Finalize the agreed order, RI/FS report and CAP.
- Ecology signs the agreed order.

Then the port will begin the groundwater monitoring required in the cleanup plan.

Why This Cleanup Matters

This cleanup is important because:

- It will remove contamination at the site.
- It will prevent contamination from polluting nearby Hylebos Creek, which empties into Commencement Bay. This will protect aquatic life in those waterways and keep water clean for recreational users.
- It will advance the Puget Sound agenda. Commencement Bay is part of Puget Sound. The state has set a goal of restoring Puget Sound by 2020.
- It will provide and preserve vital new or restored natural wildlife habitat



Aerial views of the site showing habitat restoration. Left: July 2010. Right: June 2011



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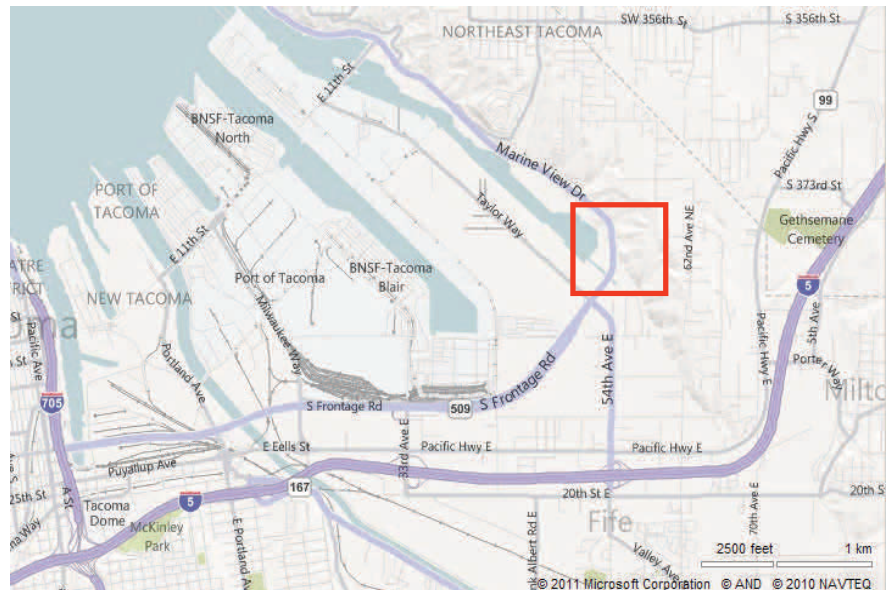
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