

Frequently Asked Questions

East Bay Redevelopment

May 2009

Information about the Upcoming Public Hearing for NPDES Permit for East Bay Redevelopment

As a result of public comments, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is holding a public hearing on June 8, 2009 for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) for the East Bay Redevelopment cleanup site. The NPDES permit is required for the Port of Olympia (Port) to complete an Interim Action (partial cleanup) at the site. Ecology is extending the public comment period on the permit until June 8, 2009.

This fact sheet provides information about the schedule for the hearing and how to participate. If you need more information about the hearing or the NPDES permit, please refer to the staff contact list in the purple box to the right. See Figure 1 (page 3) for information about the permit process.

Q: When is the hearing?

A: The public hearing and meeting will be held on June 8, 2009, at the Olympia Center (222 Columbia Street NW) from 6:30–9 pm.

Q: What will happen during the hearing?

A: Before the hearing begins, Ecology is hosting an informational meeting from 6:30-7:25 pm. During this time, Ecology staff will give a short presentation. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer session. A short break is scheduled in between the short meeting and the hearing. The formal hearing will begin at 7:30 pm. During the hearing, Ecology will accept and record oral comments from the public about the NPDES permit.

Q: How can I participate in the hearing?

A: There will be opportunities for participation before and during the hearing. You will have an opportunity to speak one

Public Hearing Planned and Public Comment Period Extended to June 8, 2009

For Technical Questions or to submit comments on the NPDES permit,

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-on-one with Ecology staff during the information meeting from 6:30-6:45 pm. In addition, after the presentation, Ecology staff will hold a question and answer session.

During the hearing, you will have an opportunity to give oral testimony. When you arrive at the meeting, fill out a comment card to let Ecology staff know you are interested in speaking. Each participant will have three (3) minutes to make a public statement. This statement will be recorded and kept as part of the formal public record. Ecology will respond to the testimony at the end of the comment period with a responsiveness summary. This document will contain written comments and a copy of the testimony from the hearing and Ecology's responses to both. It will be included as an appendix to the final NPDES permit.

Q: How should I prepare to give testimony?

A: There are several things you can do prior to the meeting to prepare effective and useful oral comments. These include:

- **Review the NPDES permit** carefully. It is available online at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/southwest_permits.html#E, at the Olympia Timberland Library and at the Ecology Building in Lacey. See page 1 for more information on where to access this document.
- **Visit the East Bay Redevelopment cleanup Web site** at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/eastBayRedev/eastBayRedev_hp.htm to read more about the larger cleanup project.
- **Contact Ecology staff with questions** about the permit, permit process or cleanup site (page 1).
- **Outline your comments** on paper.
- **Keep your comments specific, focused on and related to only the NPDES permit or permit process.** This is **not** a meeting about the cleanup site; this meeting is strictly about the permit. Comments about the Port of Olympia and its operations should be directed to Port staff at (360) 528-8000 or inquiries@portofolympia.com.
- **Reference the paragraph and page numbers** of the section you are addressing in the permit when making comments.

Q: What type of comments are useful to Ecology staff?

A: Here are some examples of the types of comments that are valuable to Ecology:

- Inaccuracies in the permit documents.
- Reasonable alternatives to suggested limits, conditions or requirements for the permit.
- How well you think the proposed permit would protect the receiving waters.

Figure 1. NPDES Permit Process and Opportunities for Public Involvement

★ = Opportunities for public involvement





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