

McFarland Cascade Pole Site: Site Investigation and Cleanup Study Available for Review

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this notice to provide you with information about the McFarland Cascade Pole facility site cleanup project. McFarland Cascade is a wood treating facility located on the Tacoma tideflats at 1640 East Marc Street in Tacoma, Washington (see map on Page 2).

Environmental studies and interim site cleanup actions have been completed over the past 20 years at this site. A draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, which summarizes this work and suggests additional cleanup actions, is now available for public review and comment. The Remedial Investigation summarizes the types, amounts, and locations of contamination found at the site. The Feasibility Study identifies potential methods to address any remaining contamination and suggests a preferred set of cleanup activities for the site.

The draft Study is now available for review at the locations shown in the side bar to the right and on Ecology's website. You may mail or email comments to Greg Caron, Ecology's site manager, at the address in the side bar to the right.

Site Background

The 43-acre site is located in an industrial area of the Tacoma tideflats, about 200 feet east of the Puyallup River. Treated wood products have been made at the site since 1974, including utility poles and lumber used for decking, fencing, and similar products.

Wood treating activities released hazardous substances into the soil and groundwater, including:

- Metals, including arsenic, copper, and chromium
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Petroleum products
- Pentachlorophenol
- Semi-volatile organic compounds

Comments Accepted

May 16 through June 16, 2014

Submit comments and technical questions to:

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Reduction Program
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Document review locations

Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Avenue South
Tacoma, WA 98402
Contact Kelda Vath at: 253-591-5666
Extension #1310

Hours: Tues.-Wed. 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.,
Thurs.- Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.,
Closed Sun. and Mon.

WA Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office
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By appointment only:
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McFarland Cascade Site website

Facility Site ID #: 1222

Special Accommodations

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Past Cleanup Actions

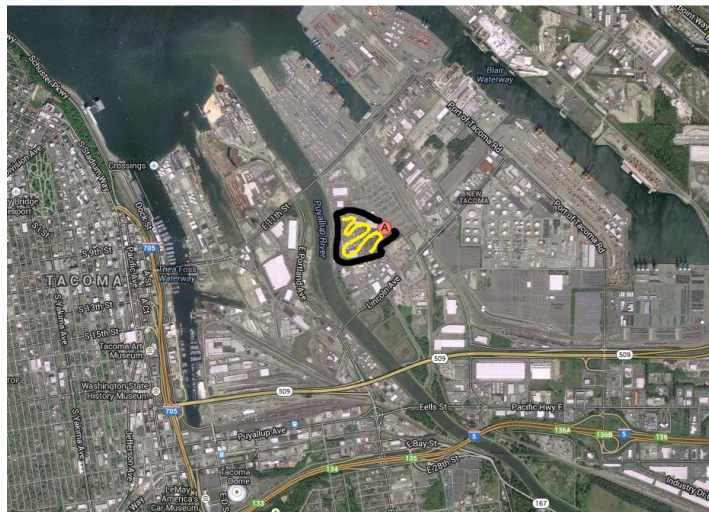
The facility has already completed many steps to address contamination at the site, which include operational upgrades, stormwater collection and treatment, installation of monitoring wells and groundwater recovery system, and excavation and disposal of contaminated soil. For many years, most of the site was covered with gravel, but the site is now completely paved. The pavement prevents potential exposure of humans, plants, and animals to the remaining contamination in the operational (wood treatment) area of the site and allows for effective management of stormwater.

As part of the final cleanup actions for the site, Ecology anticipates entering into a legal agreement with the facility to ensure protection of human health and the environment. The agreement would provide for continued operation of the groundwater recovery system, long term monitoring and oversight, and apply a deed restriction to the property. The deed restriction will be used to make sure the facility will not be used for residential land use in the future. If periodic review of the site shows a risk to human health or the environment, additional actions could be required by Ecology.

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and consider whether any revisions should be made to the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. If substantive revisions are made, another public comment period will be held. If only minor or no revisions are made, the document will be considered final.

McFarland Cascade Pole Site Location



El Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington invita el comentario público sobre el plan propuesto para la limpieza del suelo y el agua subterránea en las instalaciones de McFarland Cascade Pole en Tacoma. El periodo de recepción del comentario público es del 16 de mayo 2014 al 16 de junio, 2014. Para mayor información, favor de contactar a Richelle Perez al (360) 407-6084 o envíe un correo electrónico a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.