

Site Investigation and Interim Action Documents Ready for Public Review

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) requests your comments on documents prepared for the upland area of the 8801 East Marginal Way South site.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the draft Agreed Order, Draft Interim Action Work Plan, State Environmental Policy Act Determination, and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration.
Comments will be accepted *October 9 - November 7, 2008*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

This site is located at 8801 East Marginal Way South, in Tukwila, Washington on the east bank of the Lower Duwamish Waterway. The site includes the upland area and the sediments in the Lower Duwamish Waterway next to the upland area. The upland area is bordered to the north by property owned by The Boeing Company, to the south by property owned by Container Properties, LLC (formerly the Rhone-Poulenc site) and the Museum of Flight Foundation, to the east by East Marginal Way South and to the west by the Lower Duwamish Waterway. The upland area is 25 acres covered with paved or concrete surfaces and buildings.

In 1929, Fisher Body Corporation built the main manufacturing building. During World War II, the property was used to make trucks and airplane assemblies. In 1946 Kenworth Motor Truck Corporation, a PACCAR Inc (PACCAR) subsidiary, bought the northern two thirds of the property. In 1966, PACCAR bought what is now the southern third of the property from the Monsanto Company. PACCAR built trucks on site from 1946 until 2002 when it decommissioned the facility. Merrill Creek Holdings, LLC bought the entire property in 2004. Currently the property is leased to Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc. of Westchester, Illinois which auctions damaged vehicles.

Comments Accepted

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Facility Site ID #: 2050

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/8801/8801_hp.html

Contamination in the upland area is from heavy industrial use since the 1920s. Potential contaminants of concern in the upland area soil and groundwater are:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons.
- Poly-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).
- Metals (chromium, copper, lead, nickel and zinc).

Previous Cleanup Work

Between 1986 and 2004 PACCAR closed and removed all onsite underground storage tanks.

Petroleum impacted soil around these tanks was excavated and removed for off-site treatment and disposal.

In the early 1990s PACCAR found volatile organic compounds from paint solvents in shallow groundwater. For two years a pump and treatment system was run. PACCAR also pilot tested and installed an air sparging/soil vapor extraction system. Data results show that the operation of both systems have removed a portion of the volatile organic compounds from soil and groundwater.

In January 2001, PACCAR entered into Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program. PACCAR continued work such as data gap investigations, installing monitoring wells, cleaning and sampling storm drain lines and catch basins, and indoor air analysis.



In 2006, PACCAR and Ecology negotiated a separate Agreed Order (#DE 3599) to evaluate potential contamination in sediments (mud at the bottom of the waterway) adjacent to the upland area of the site. To evaluate if upland contamination was reaching the Lower Duwamish Waterway sediments, PACCAR sampled and analyzed surface sediment and sediment cores, stormwater, stormwater solids, and seeps. These results are in the remedial investigation section of the Draft Interim Action Work Plan.

In 2007-08 PACCAR compiled all previous analytical data with sample locations and compared these results with screening criteria to find potential contaminants of concern. This evaluation found eight areas containing soil or groundwater impacts higher than site screening criteria.

In 2007-08, Insurance Auto Auctions Inc., the current lessee, installed water quality improvements for the stormwater system.

Agreed Order

This draft Agreed Order is a legal document between Ecology and the potentially liable persons PACCAR Inc (the former owner), and Merrill Creek Holdings, LLC (the current owner). The Agreed Order describes what work the potentially liable persons agree to do for the upland area of the site.

Public Participation Plan

Ecology updated the public participation plan for this site according to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The plan is designed to promote meaningful community involvement during the investigation and cleanup of the site. The plan describes how Ecology will inform the public about site activities, and shows how the community may be involved.

Draft Interim Action Work Plan

The Draft Interim Action Work Plan summarizes past investigations, identifies contaminants of concern, areas of concern, and data gaps, and evaluates feasible cleanup alternatives for the upland area. The proposed cleanup action tasks, with review and approval by Ecology will include:

- Investigate and fill remaining data gaps.
- Describe the feasible cleanup alternatives.
- Development of cleanup alternative work plan(s)
- Finalize and implement the work plan(s).

The Draft Interim Action Work Plan was prepared by PACCAR and is under review by Ecology at the same time the public is reviewing it.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Under SEPA, Ecology has issued this site a determination of non-significance. This means that implementing this Interim Action Work Plan would not harm the environment but would result in an environmental benefit.

Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site

Ecology has an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Lower Duwamish Waterway cleanup. EPA is the lead for sediment cleanup and Ecology is the lead for source control. Source control is the process of finding and then stopping or reducing contamination to the waterway and sediments. The Draft Interim Action Work Plan for this site describes the proposed cleanup of soil and groundwater and is part of Ecology's source control efforts.

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review all comments that have been received. Ecology may change the documents based on your comments. If significant changes are made, there will be another comment period. You will be notified of future comment periods. A public meeting is not planned for this comment period. However, one will be held if 10 or more people request.

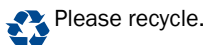
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8801 East Marginal Way South Site, Tukwila, King County, WA

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Public Comment Period:
October 9 – November 7, 2008

Período de recibir comentario público:
Comentario público se aceptará del 9 de octubre al 7 de noviembre de 2008

Thời hạn về việc thỉnh cầu ý kiến công cộng:
Ngày 9 tháng 10 tới 7 tháng 11, 2008.

民眾意見反應期間:

十月九日 至 十一月七日