

# Site Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE Site  
Reaching the goal of a healthy, sustainable  
Puget Sound

## Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) asks for your comments on plans to clean up a site on Puget Sound. The Quiet Cove Site (the Site) is one of several cleanup sites located on the waterfront near Fidalgo/Padilla Bays that has been prioritized for cleanup under the State's Puget Sound Initiative.

The Site is generally located at 202 O Avenue in Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the draft Agreed Order (AO) and the draft Public Participation Plan (Plan) for the Site.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted from October 19 – November 17, 2015.

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

## Site Background

Quiet Cove sits along the east end of the Guemes Channel just northwest of Fidalgo/Padilla Bays. The Site began operating as a bulk fuel terminal and storage facility as early as 1909. Remnants from these operations, which include oil tanks, an oil warehouse, filling shed, piping and more, were removed at an unknown date. Now, the Site's remaining buildings and pavement act as storage space.

### Comments Invited

October 19 – November 17, 2015

#### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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### Document Review Locations

#### Anacortes Public Library

1220 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Anacortes, WA 98221  
(360) 293-1910  
library.cityofanacortes.org

#### Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE  
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By appointment only:  
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(360) 407-7224

#### Quiet Cove Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=12482>

Facility Site ID #: 20859

Cleanup Site ID #: 12482

The Port of Anacortes (the Port) purchased the upland area of the Site in July 2013 and performed an environmental investigation the following year. This investigation found several contaminants exceeding accepted cleanup levels under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Soil samples showed hydrocarbon and heavy metal contamination including:

- Benzene
- Toluene
- Ethylbenzene
- Xylenes
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs)
- Carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- Naphthalenes
- Cadmium

Groundwater samples showed TPHs and arsenic.

In 2014, Ecology determined the Port is the Potentially Liable Person (PLP) for the Site. Ecology and the Port will enter into an Agreed Order (AO).

### **Overview of Draft Agreed Order**

The Draft AO is a proposed agreement between Ecology and the PLP (the Port). It is a legal document between Ecology and the Port in which the Port agrees to provide remedial action at the Site where there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances.

The Draft AO describes studies that the Port agrees to perform at the Site as well as guidance for future investigations and cleanup actions:

- **Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** – This document explains the work needed to identify and analyze contamination at the Site and provides an evaluation of cleanup alternatives for addressing residual contamination.
- **Draft Final Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP)** – This document uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action at the Site and sets a schedule to remove and treat the contamination.

### **Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan**

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology has developed a draft Plan. This draft Plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The draft Plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can get involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.



### Why This Cleanup Matters

#### Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

In 2007, Washington State established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high-priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound, including the Quiet Cove Site. The Site is located on Guemes Channel, which is closely linked to the health of Padilla and Fidalgo Bays. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites, go to:

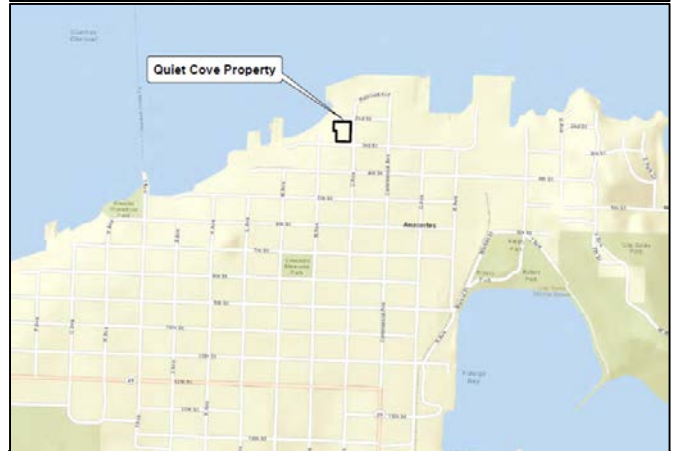
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### What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends on November 17, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. The Draft AO and Plan may be modified based on your comments. If future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>



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### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
2. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.
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**We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.***



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