

Update and Public Comment Period

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is holding a public comment period on plans for finishing cleanup of the American Plating site. Ecology invites you to comment on the Cleanup Action Plan from **September 8 to October 7, 2011**. The box at the right shows where to find site documents and how to submit comments.

Site Background

The American Plating site is located at 2110 East D Street in Tacoma. The 1.5 acre site is on the eastern bank of the Thea Foss Waterway (map on back). The facility did electroplating until it went into bankruptcy and shut down in 1986. Past operations and spills contaminated the site with heavy metals, cyanide, and vinyl chloride. These pose a risk to human health and the environment, especially the nearby waterway.

The Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) now owns the property and is responsible for cleanup. In 2003, Ecology held a comment period on the Cleanup Action Plan and a legal agreement with the (FWDA). The same Cleanup Action Plan is available for public comment again.

Cleanup Update

The FWDA has developed several properties along the waterfront and plans to develop this site once it is cleaned up. Ecology has already finished much of the cleanup, including:

- Removing heavily contaminated soils.
- Covering other contamination with three feet of clean soil.
- Monitoring groundwater.

However, construction of the D Street overpass and lack of funding delayed the remaining cleanup for several years.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to public comments and questions. The FWDA can then move forward with securing grant funding to complete the cleanup. It plans to remove most of the remaining contaminated soil and place a cap over the less-contaminated, deeper soils.

Comments Accepted

September 8–October 7, 2011

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

1102 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

535 Dock Street, Suite 213
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 383-2429

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
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By appointment only:

Contact Debbie Nelson,
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(360) 407-6365

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2539>

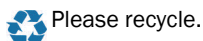
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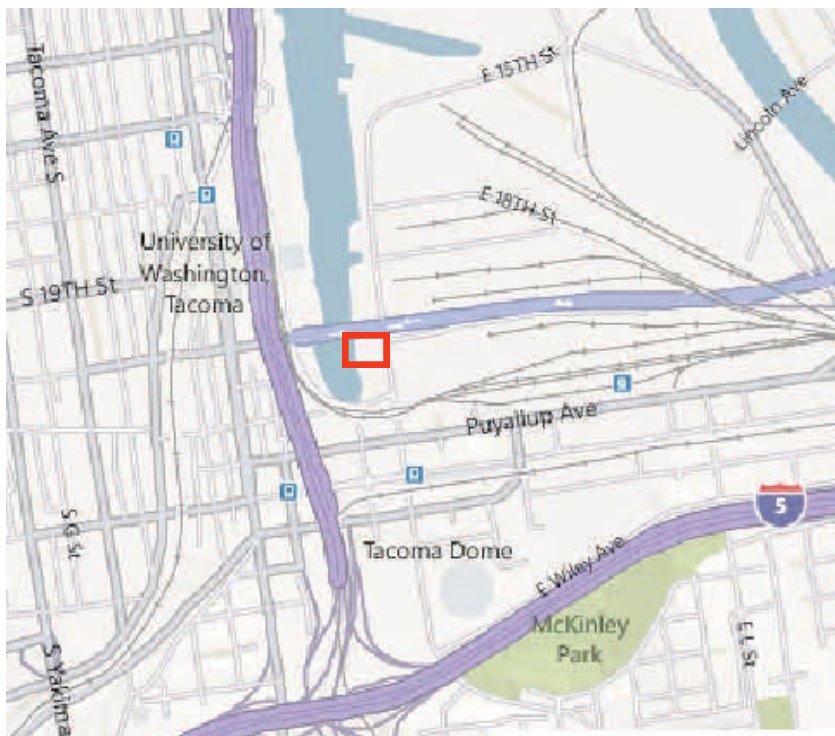
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American Plating site, 2110 East D Street, Tacoma (red box above)