

Reichhold/SSA Site

Public Comment

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Environmental Documents Available for Review and Comment

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to review and comment on environmental documents for the Reichhold/SSA site at 3320 Lincoln Avenue in Tacoma. These documents are part of a Consent Decree Amendment and Cleanup Action Plan Amendment to address newly discovered dioxin in site soil.

In 2014, soil contaminated with dioxin and furan compounds was found at the site. SSA's contractors, with Ecology oversight, further investigated the nature and extent of the dioxin/furan contamination. Based on those results, Ecology decided that additional cleanup actions were needed to protect people and animals from contacting contaminated soil. The documents provide the investigation results, determined cleanup levels, and evaluated cleanup alternatives.

Contaminated soil is found in the central part of the property, within a former soil handling area, and six other isolated locations (see figure 1 on page 3). Dioxin levels in these soil areas exceed cleanup levels for industrial sites. Cleanup levels for dioxins in industrial areas are 1,680 parts per trillion (ppt). The average concentration of dioxins in the areas of contaminated soil is 53,905 ppt. Groundwater levels at the site do not exceed applicable cleanup levels.

The proposed cleanup action includes:

- Excavating soil at six isolated areas.
- Consolidating the contaminated soil within a 7.5 acre area of the site.
- Capping the contaminated soil area with a surface that would prevent direct contact by humans and animals.
- Maintaining deed restrictions at the property to keep the property in industrial use, and protect the capped area.

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Site Background

The former Reichhold Chemical (Reichhold) facility is a 52-acre property located on the Blair Peninsula between Alexander Avenue and Taylor Way. From 1956 to 1990, Reichhold produced pentachlorophenol and related compounds used in treating wood. In 2006, Stevedoring Services of America (SSA) purchased the property from Reichhold Chemical. In 2009, SSA began final cleanup actions to address contamination from pentachlorophenol production. Ecology oversaw the cleanup process and the work was completed as planned. The contaminated soil and groundwater identified at the property met industrial cleanup levels for the contaminants of concern.

The dioxin compounds were not identified at the property during previous investigations and cleanup actions. SSA, with Ecology oversight, will address the dioxin contamination through a supplemental cleanup action.

Documents Available for Review

Consent Decree Second Amendment: A legal document between the state of Washington and SSA, requiring implementation of the supplemental cleanup action for dioxin/furan contamination. It also requires an updated environmental covenant to be recorded as a deed restriction on the property.

Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) Amendment: Defines the supplemental cleanup action required to be implemented to address the dioxin/furan contamination.

Compliance Monitoring and Contingency Plan (CMCP) Amendment: Describes groundwater monitoring requirements and contingency plans. These ensure that on-site groundwater contamination continues to remain at levels that do not pose a risk to the Blair Waterway.

Area A Pre-Excavation Extent Investigation Sampling and Analysis Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan (SAP/QAPP): Describes soil sampling procedures prior to proposed Area A excavation activities in the CAP Amendment.

Corrective Action Management Unit Application (CAMU Application): An application to designate a CAMU at the property. This is a regulatory boundary within which the dioxin/furan contaminated soil at the Site would be permanently managed under the proposed cleanup action.

Cap Inspection and Maintenance Plan (CIMP): Describes the proposed inspection and maintenance requirements for the area of capped contaminated material that would remain on site under the proposed cleanup action.

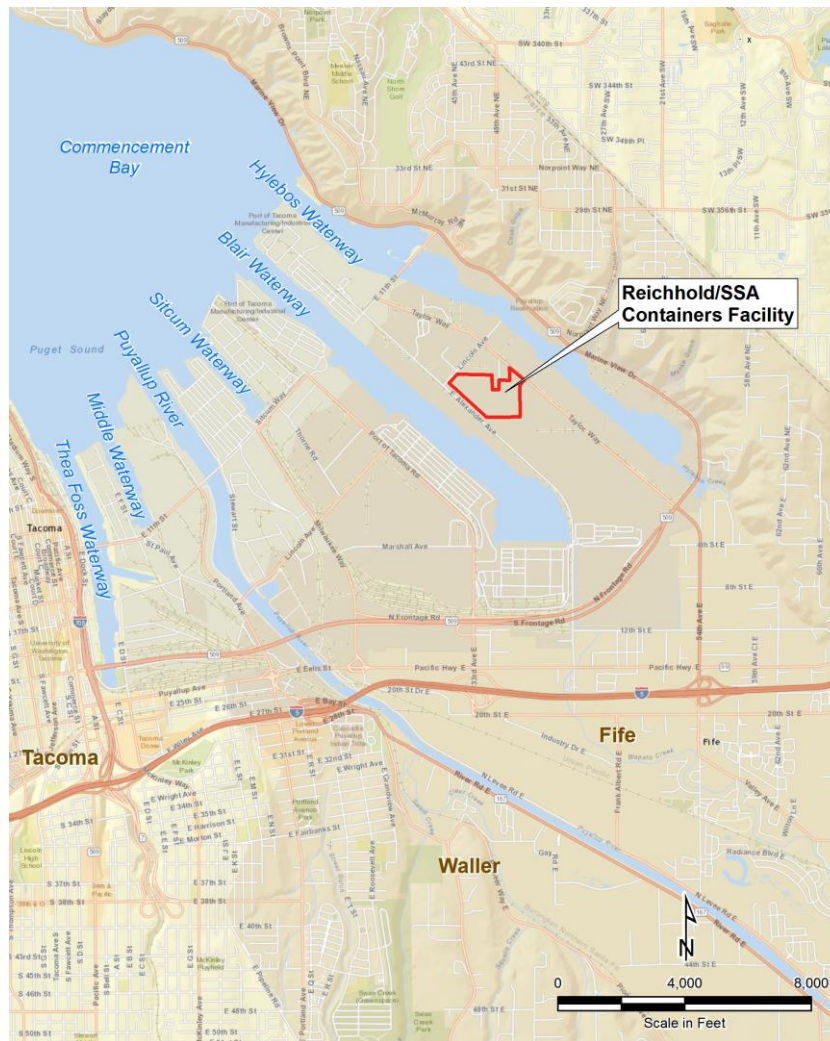
Environmental Covenant: A deed restriction on the property, defining land use and maintenance obligations that will be required at this property forever.

Public Participation Plan (PPP): A plan to encourage coordinated, effective, and meaningful public involvement. The PPP is customized to meet the needs of the public who are affected by and interested in contamination at the site. The plan describes the activities that Ecology will do to make sure that citizens are informed and can meaningfully participate in the decision-making process.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance Addendum (SEPA Addendum): Supplements the SEPA Determination of Non-significance issued by Ecology in 2008 for the primary cleanup actions at the Facility. The SEPA Addendum provides new information about the newly discovered contamination and supplemental remedial activities that are defined in the CAP Amendment.

Supplemental Focused Remedial Investigation/Supplemental Focused Feasibility Study (SFRI/SFFS): Defines the nature and extent of dioxin/furan contamination at the site, determines cleanup levels, and outlines the feasible alternatives for cleanup.

Figure 1.





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We'd like to hear from you!

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주정부 환경부에서는 주소 “3320 Lincoln Avenue, Tacoma” 에 위치한 Reichhold/SSA Cleanup site 환경오염정화 법정 동의서와 정화계획을 검토후, 소견서를 제출해 주시기 원합니다. 자세한 사항은 360-407-6300 으로 문의하신후 통역인을 요청하시기 바랍니다.

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Ecología le invita a revisar y comentar sobre unas Adendas del Decreto de Consentimiento y del Plan de Acción de Limpieza para el sitio contaminado de Reichhold/SSA ubicado en 3320 Avenida Lincoln en Tacoma. Para obtener más información debe llamar al 360-407-6300 y pregunta para un intérprete o mandar un correo electrónico a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.