

Draft Legal Agreement Available for Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), the Port of Tacoma (port), and Portac Inc. are entering into an agreed order for the cleanup of the Portac Inc. site. The site is located at 4215 SR 509 E. Frontage Rd. in Tacoma (see map on back).

Ecology Wants Your Comments

You may comment on the draft agreed order **March 10 — April 7, 2016**.

The new **agreed order** is a legal agreement that requires the port and Portac Inc. to:

- Look for the types and extent of contamination on the site through a remedial investigation.
- Explore cleanup options for the site through a feasibility study.

A **public participation plan** is also available for your review. It describes the tools Ecology will use to inform the public and gather feedback.

The box to the right shows where you can review documents and how to submit comments.

Background

The port owns the property. Portac Inc. once ran a log yard and sawmill on the site. They used waste from the former Asarco smelter to build stable ground for running heavy machines and to store logs. Studies in the early 1980s showed heavy metals such as arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc in soil above cleanup levels.

In 1988, the port and Portac paved the log yard to prevent contamination from getting into surface water. They also did groundwater monitoring. Arsenic was found in groundwater.

In 2009, Portac Inc. cleaned up contamination at the former sawmill under Ecology's voluntary cleanup program.

More studies are needed to make sure the pavement cap is still protective and that groundwater contamination across the site does not remain above cleanup levels.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period Ecology will respond to comments. We can make changes to the agreed order based on public comments. We will then finalize the agreement.

You will be invited to review and comment on the investigation documents as cleanup moves forward.

Comments Accepted

March 10 — April 7, 2016

Send Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3642>

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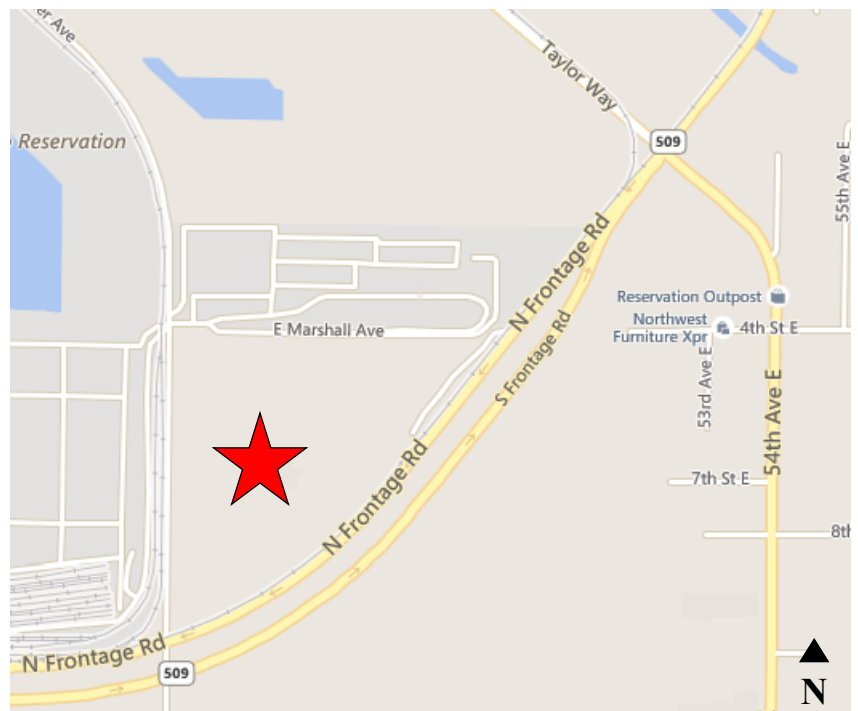
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Portac Inc. cleanup site is at 4215 SR 509 E, Tacoma.