

# BELLINGHAM BAY - GP West Cleanup Site



Contaminated soil at GP West cleanup site currently secured under thick plastic protective cover.

## Comments accepted:

October 3—November 1, 2016

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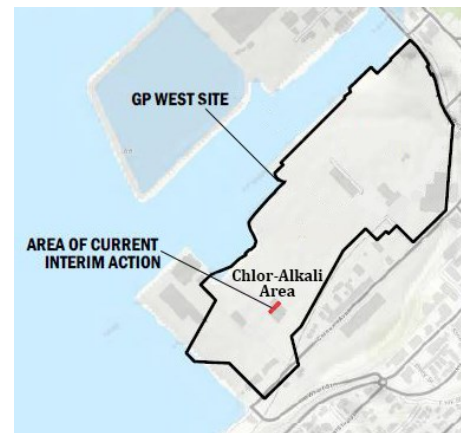
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**Facility Site ID #: 14**  
**Cleanup Site ID #: 2279**

## Interim cleanup work planned on Bellingham waterfront

Ecology is announcing a public comment period about environmental cleanup of a portion of the state-designated Georgia-Pacific West (GP West) site on the Bellingham waterfront. The proposed cleanup work will remove and dispose of mercury-contaminated soil from previous work in the Chlor-Alkali area of the site.



As part of a 2013 interim action cleanup, mercury-contaminated building materials and about 2,300 cubic yards of soil were removed from the Chlor-Alkali area of the GP West site and disposed at an approved landfill. During this cleanup work, more contaminated soil than planned was excavated from the site and the Port of Bellingham and Ecology agreed to secure the soil (about 600 cubic yards) on-site under a thick plastic protective cover. The proposed interim cleanup action will remove and dispose of this contaminated soil at an approved landfill. The work is expected to be complete in March 2017, at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million.

## Ecology wants to hear from you!

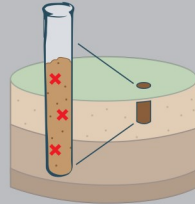
A work plan will be available for public review and comment from October 3—November 1. Ecology will review and consider all comments, and may modify the work plan based on the comments. We will respond in writing to all comments received. If there are significant changes, we will issue the work plan again for public comment—otherwise, the interim action will be implemented as described in the work plan. If ten or more persons request a public meeting about this work, we will provide notice and hold a meeting. For more information, visit the GP West web page (see sidebar for URL).

The Port of Bellingham is conducting a separate public comment period under the State Environmental Policy Act for this work. Please see the port website for details at: <http://www.portofbellingham.com/index.aspx?nid=93>

## The Cleanup Process

The Georgia-Pacific West site is a state-designated contaminated site and environmental cleanup must follow a standard process governed by the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup regulation. Currently, an Interim Action is proposed.

### Remedial Investigation



A Remedial Investigation defines the nature, extent, and magnitude of pollution and identifies how people, plants and animals could be exposed to harmful levels of pollution. With this information, clean-up alternatives are then developed and evaluated.

### Interim Action



An Interim Action is a cleanup action that addresses a portion of a site. In this case, the proposed interim cleanup action will safely remove and dispose of mercury-contaminated soil from previous work in the Chlor-Alkali area of the site.

### Feasibility Study



A Feasibility Study uses the information from the Remedial Investigation to develop and evaluate cleanup alternatives. The evaluation considers costs and environmental benefit and reveals an optimal alternative. This alternative is then incorporated into a Cleanup Action Plan.

### Cleanup Action Plan



The Cleanup Action Plan describes the cleanup work and implementation schedule, and specifies cleanup standards. It also addresses any environmental monitoring required during and after the cleanup, and any required property use controls.

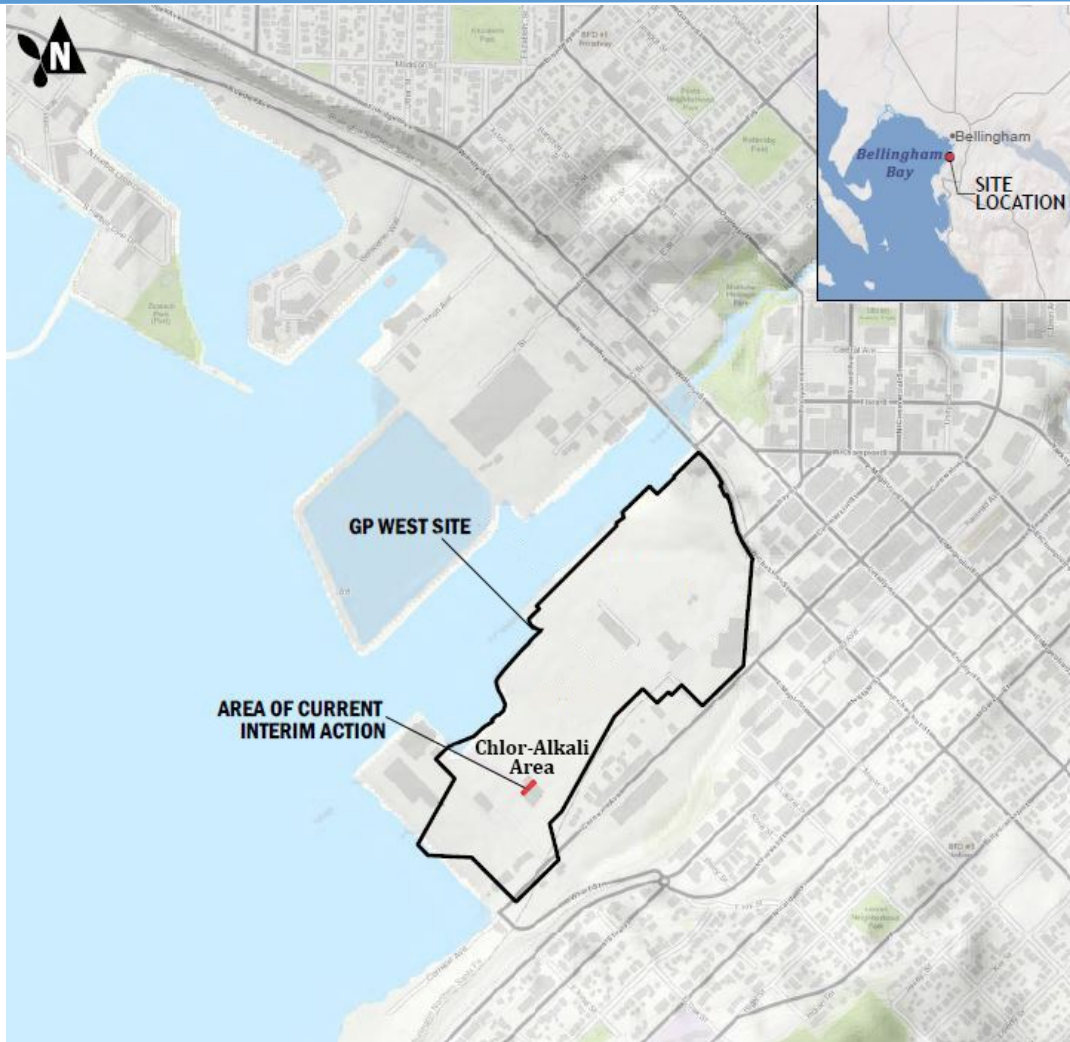
### Cleanup & Monitoring



Implementation of the Cleanup Action Plan includes design, construction, and monitoring.



Public comment periods are held at key points throughout the cleanup process.



## Únete a la discusión sobre la limpieza del malecón

Ecología anuncia el periodo de comentario público sobre la limpieza ambiental de una porción del área Georgia-Pacific West dignada por el estado en el malecón de Bellingham.

El trabajo de limpieza propuesto removerá 600 yardas cúbicas de suelo contaminado con mercurio que ha quedado después de las actividades de remoción previas en el Chlor-Alki área del sitio. Se estima que este trabajo costará \$1.5 millones.

Habrà disponible un plan de trabajo para ser revisado y comentado por el público a partir del 3 de octubre hasta el 1 de noviembre de 2016.

Para más información visite la página web de GP West [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites). Busque por el nombre del sitio.

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## Join the discussion about cleanup on the Bellingham waterfront



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We invite you to review the work plan and give us your comments before **November 1, 2016**.

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