

Site Investigation Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



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Puget Sound.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on a new proposed agreement to study a site on Puget Sound for cleanup. This Site, the North Marina Ameron/Hulbert Site, is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

North Marina Ameron/Hulbert is generally located between 11th and 13th Streets, west of West Marine View Drive on Port Gardner Bay, in Everett, Snohomish County, WA. This is southwest of the Legion Memorial Golf Course in western Everett.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *May 1 through May 30, 2009*.

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

Site Background

Operations on the North Marina Ameron/Hulbert Site began in the early 1900s. Primary uses of the Site have included shingle and saw milling, marine support services, and pole and piling manufacturing. The William Hulbert Mill Company (Hulbert) owned most of the Site from the 1920's until 1991, and conducted sawmill operations at the Site until approximately 1960. In approximately 1972, Hulbert leased a large portion of the Site to Centrecon, a concrete pole and piling manufacturing company. Utility Vault Company (UVC) purchased Centrecon by sometime around 1978. In 1988, Ameron entered into an asset purchase agreement with UVC, whereby it purchased most of the

Comments Accepted

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Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Everett Public Library

2702 Hoyt Ave
Everett, WA 98201
Phone: (425) 257-8010

Hours: Mon.-Wed. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5
p.m.

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Contact Carol Dorn,
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/nMarinaAmeron/ameronHulbert_hp.htm

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assets, properties, and business of UVC's Centrecon division. Ameron currently manufactures concrete poles at the Site. The Port of Everett (Port) purchased the property from Hulbert in 1991, and has used a portion of the property to stockpile soil from other locations within the North Marina redevelopment area.

The results of several environmental studies showed the following contaminants from Site uses in soil, groundwater, and sediment:

- Soil – Metals, carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls, and petroleum hydrocarbons.
- Groundwater – Arsenic, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, and vinyl chloride (a chlorinated solvent).
- Sediment – Zinc.

Levels of these contaminants exceed Model Toxics Cleanup Act (MTCA) cleanup levels and/or Sediment Management Standards (SMS).

The Port has conducted interim actions to clean up much of the contaminated soil identified during these previous environmental studies. However, further investigation is needed to fully characterize the contamination at the North Marina Ameron/Hulbert Site so that the appropriate cleanup action for the Site can be developed.

More information about the Port's redevelopment plans can be found at the following website: <http://www.portofeverett.com/home/index.asp?page=71>.

Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document between Ecology and the potentially liable parties, or PLPs, at the Site. The PLPs at the Ameron/Hulbert Site are the Port of Everett (Port), Ameron International Corporation, and the Hulberts. The Agreed Order

describes the studies that the PLPs agree to perform on the Site.

The Agreed Order requires the following studies and documents:

- Interim Remedial Action Report. It details cleanup activities performed to date at the Site.
- Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It explains the work needed to look for and analyze contamination in soil, ground-water, and sediments.
- RI/FS report. It presents the results of the study and proposes alternatives for cleanup actions.
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). It uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

The purpose of the Agreed Order is to protect human health and the environment by ensuring that remedial actions will be conducted at a site where a release of hazardous substances has occurred. It ensures that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and the PLPs are committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology and the PLPs agree to provide a public participation plan. This 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 public participation 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 become involved.



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- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.
- North Marina West End Site: A marine services and general industrial site, located between 11th and 14th Streets at West Marine View Drive.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature approved 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: Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of the sites is the North Marina Ameron/Hulbert Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

Other Port Gardner baywide sites include:

- JELD-WEN Site: A wooden door plant, located at 300 West Marine View Drive.
- Bay Wood Products: A sawmill and log handling and storage facility, located at 200 West Marine View Drive.
- Everett Shipyard Site: A ship repair facility, located at 1016 14th Street.

The North Marina Ameron/Hulbert Site is located between 11th and 13th Streets, on Port Gardner Bay, Everett, WA. (Map Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps for Everett and Marysville Quadrangles; Photo source: Snohomish County Tax Assessors Office, 10-08)

For more information about the sites in Port Gardner Bay, contact Andy Kallus at (360) 407-7259 or akal461@ecy.wa.gov, or go to: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cleanup.html>.

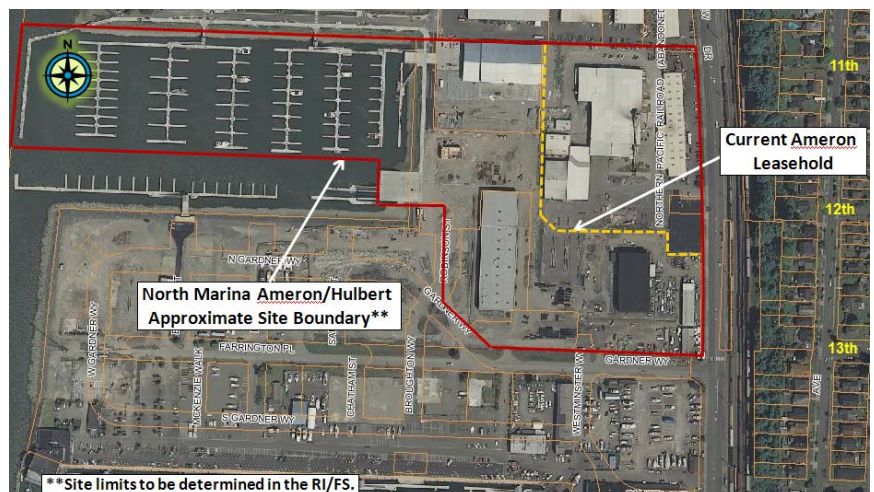
What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments that have been received. The Agreed Order and draft public participation plan may be modified based upon your comments.

As 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, workshops, hearings, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>



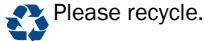
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What can you do?

Read about the cleanup in this handout.

1. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the back page.
2. Write down your comments and questions.
3. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*



North Marina Ameron/Hulbert, Everett, Snohomish County, WA

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