

SUPERLON PLASTICS CLEANUP SITE



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Comments invited:

September 14 – October 16, 2017

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Website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2096>

Facility Site ID #: 2776343

Cleanup Site ID #: 2096

Partial cleanup plans & reports available for comment

The Washington Department of Ecology invites your comment on plans for a partial cleanup and other environmental reports for the Superlon Plastics cleanup site. The cleanup will focus on the portion of the site owned by White Birch Group, LLC (White Birch).

Four documents are available for your review:

- **Partial remedial investigation** – describes the types and extent of contamination on the White Birch property portion of the site.
- **Partial feasibility study** – evaluates cleanup alternatives for the White Birch portion of the site.
- **Interim action work plan** – describes cleanup plans for the White Birch portion of the site.
- **State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) determination** – declares that mitigation can address any potential negative impacts caused by cleanup activities.

Your written comments on any of these reports are invited from **September 14 – October 16, 2017**. The box at the left shows where to submit comments. You are also invited to an open house and public meeting where we will share information about these plans and reports. See the next page for information about where you can review documents.

Site background

Since the 1920s, this site has been an industrial facility. Soil, ground water, and small areas of surface water are contaminated due to historic industrial activities including: pesticide manufacturing, wood treatment, chemical storage, fuel storage, and historic land-filling activities. The Superlon Plastics site extends through the White Birch property and beyond.

PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 4

Join us!

Norpoint Community Center
6:00—8:00

See back page for more details



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT QUESTIONS

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

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

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

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

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:

Contact Susie Baxter at
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or (360) 407-6365.

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

[https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/
Sitepage.aspx?csid=2096](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2096)

Due to concentrated contamination sources in the soil on the property, we have used partial cleanups or interim actions to address the most severe contamination quickly. All of the work done so far has focused on the property. The entire site will be defined and addressed in the future.

Ecology has made a legal agreement with four potentially liable parties who are now responsible for cleaning up contamination and making the site safe for people and the environment. These parties are: White Birch Group, LLC, Superlon Plastics, Inc., The Chemours Company FC, LLC, and E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company.

On-property contamination

A remedial investigation (RI) is an in-depth study to find the extent and nature of contamination. The on-property RI focused on soil and surface water on the White Birch property showed hazardous substances in the soil, groundwater, and surface water. Past owners and operators of the facilities on the site contributed to the contamination. The most significant sources appear to be lead-arsenate pesticide manufacturing and the contents of imported fill material.

The investigation included over 3,000 laboratory tests of soil and surface water from the White Birch property. The investigation found lead and arsenic, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and compounds from crude oil and petroleum products (TPH) on the site. Previous cleanup actions addressed VOCs and some of the other contaminants on site. Lead and arsenic are currently the contaminants of highest concern because they are widely distributed across the site.

Weighing cleanup options

A feasibility study (FS) sets cleanup criteria and evaluates cleanup alternatives. The on-property FS evaluated five cleanup alternatives. Based on time, cost, technical and administrative feasibility, and efficacy. Of the five options, the FS presents a preferred alternative. These findings inform the interim action and will also inform the Cleanup Action Plan for the full site.

Interim action plan

The interim action will take place within the White Birch property boundaries. Soil will be excavated and stockpiled on site based on the level of contamination. Soil that has high enough concentrations of contaminants to be classified as hazardous waste will be treated with an iron- and magnesium-based additive that binds arsenic and lead to the soil particles, then disposed of. Soil that has contaminants that exceed cleanup levels but is not hazardous waste will be disposed of without treatment. The rest of the soil will be managed onsite and used to fill excavation areas.







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Join the discussion about cleanup at Superlon Plastics!

Ecology seeks comments on partial cleanup and environmental reports

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Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

¿Habla Español? Si necesita esta información en español, contactenos a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 6-8 p.m.

Norpoint Community Center
4818 Nassau Avenue East, Tacoma
(253) 404-3900

Please join us for an open house and information session about the Superlon cleanup site.

6:00-6:30 p.m. Open house

6:30-7:30 p.m. Presentation, Q & A

7:30-8:00 p.m. Open house

Light refreshments will be provided.