



Murray Pacific 2 Site Responsiveness Summary—No Comments

Today's Date: July 16, 2019

Cleanup Site ID: 3075
Facility ID: 1211
Address: 2407 Port of Tacoma Rd, Tacoma, WA 98421-3609
County: Pierce

Ecology held a comment period from June 6 to July 7, 2019, to give the public an opportunity to comment on Ecology's 2019 Periodic Review of the Murray Pacific 2 Site. This was the second periodic review of the site. Ecology conducted the first review in 2014.

Ecology received no public comments during the comment period and finalized the Second Periodic Review Report.

Relevant Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation: WAC 173-340-420(5)

Document for public review during the comment period

Second Periodic Review Report—Draft

Site background

Environmental cleanup was completed at the site and the 2019 periodic review showed the cleanup work remains effective in protecting the health of people and the environment.

The Murray Pacific 2 site is a former log-sorting yard located on land owned by the Port of Tacoma. Between 1975 and 1980, slag from the former Tacoma Asarco Smelter was brought to the site to build-up the soil for supporting heavy equipment and storing logs. Soil and stormwater runoff from the site exceeded federal and state criteria for arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc.

The port started cleanup in 1995. They removed bark and sediments along the slope of the Blair Waterway, disposed of some contaminated soil off-site, consolidated the remaining contaminated soil on the site, and capped it with low permeable pavement. They also installed a stormwater collection and treatment system and groundwater monitoring wells.

The port has monitored groundwater since 1998. Concentrations of copper, zinc, and lead are now below cleanup levels. One of the three monitoring wells continues to exceed the groundwater cleanup level for arsenic. The port continues to monitor groundwater regularly.

In 1998, the port filed an environmental covenant prohibiting activities that could result in release of pollutants and restricting the site to industrial use.

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